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Court Rejects IRS Claim, Says Paper Not Unfair

Compiled by Jil Clark

WASHINGTON, DC — A Federal Court of Appeals has ruled that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. District Court here used an unconstitutionally vague guideline to deny tax-exempt status to a feminist newspaper. The high court has directed the district court to reconsider *Big Mama Rag* (BMR)'s application for a tax exemption as an "educational" organization.

The editorial policy of the Denver-based, monthly women's newspaper is that it will print anything that will advance the cause of the women's movement but nothing that it considers damaging to that cause.

The appellate court struck down a 1979 decision by Judge John Sirica in favor of the IRS. Sirica had found that the plaintiff, BMR, did not qualify as an exempt "educational" organization under the Internal Revenue Code, saying that the paper's editorial stance was "too doctrinaire" to pass the IRS's "full and fair exposition" test.

This regulation states that "an organization may be educational even though it advocates a particular position or viewpoint so long as it presents a sufficiently full and fair exposition of the pertinent facts as to permit an individual or the public to form an independent opinion or conclusion. On the other hand, an organization is not educational if its principal function is the mere presentation of unsupported opinion," (emphasis added).

BMR applied for tax-exempt status (which would entitle it to receive tax-deductible contributions as well) in 1974. The IRS turned down the application, saying that BMR was too biased

to be considered "educational." In their rejection, the IRS stated that "the commercial nature of the newspaper" made it "no different from any other business." The IRS also objected to what it considered to be "political and legislative commentary . . . throughout the newspaper" and to the "articles, lectures, editorials, etc. promoting lesbianism."

BMR's attorneys challenged the IRS rejection in the district court in Washington on three grounds. First, they argued, BMR shouldn't have been subjected to the "full and fair exposition" test in the first place, since BMR, Inc. doesn't fit IRS's own definition of a "political" organization — one which attempts to promote legislation or candidates for office.

Second, they argued that, even when "full and fair exposition" is applied, BMR passes the test, since it fits the IRS definition of "educational" — it "instructs the public and benefits the community."

Third, BMR's counselors claimed that the IRS denial of tax exemption to the newspaper violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, since the standard, "full and fair exposition", was too vague to ensure consistent, unbiased application from one applicant organization to the next.

BMR also argued that the government "should not have the power to tax the exercise of a privilege" — referring to the privilege of free speech.

However, when the district court finally ruled on the case last year, its conclusion was that the "full and fair exposition" standard was fair and objective and that it was properly applied by the IRS in BMR's case. In the opinion

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Suspect Nabbed In Murders

By David Morris

BOSTON — A suspect in the two of the recent murders of gay men in Boston has been found.

Robin MacCormack, Mayor Kevin White's liaison to the lesbian and gay community, and police officials announced on Thursday, Oct. 30 that Robert E. Woodruff, a 22-year old onetime resident of Charlestown who has since enlisted in the Army under an assumed name, is suspected in the deaths of Raymond Kindred and John McGrail.

As of GCN press time, the suspect was in custody at Fort Sill, Okla., in connection with other crimes he allegedly committed in Plymouth County, Mass.

Officials revealed that Woodruff had been identified by finger-

prints found in Kindred's apartment. In addition, McGrail's car, which was missing when his body was found, was later found in Charlestown near Woodruff's home.

Officials stated that there was no evidence to identify Woodruff as a member of the gay community, and MacCormack said the two murders in question "became gay murders when the media made them that way."

Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan stated there was no evidence that Woodruff committed any of the other three recent murders of gay men in Boston. Jordan said that robbery was assumed to be a motive in the murders of McGrail and Kindred.

Police refused to reveal further

details in the cases.

McGrail was found in his South Boston apartment October 2 tied face down to his bed. He had been bound with his own neckties and his head was covered with a pillowcase. Part of a coin collection of undetermined value and his 1978 brown Renault were both missing and his apartment had been ransacked (see GCN, Vol. 8, No. 13).

Kindred was also found dead in his apartment on June 5. He too had been bound face down to his bed with neckties, his head covered with a cotton cloth. His apartment, like McGrail's, had been ransacked, with no evidence of forced entry (see GCN, Vol. 7, No. 42).

Navy Can Eject Gays, Federal Court Rules

Compiled by David Morris

SAN FRANCISCO — In the midst of yet another Navy investigation of enlisted personnel for suspected homosexual activity, a federal appeals court here has upheld the Navy's policy of mandatory exclusion of lesbians and gay men from the service.

The three justices of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Friday, Oct. 24 that the Navy had the right "to protect the fabric of military life" by excluding lesbians and gay men without regard for their service records or their ability to do their jobs.

"It's a very negative decision, probably the most anti-gay decision to come out of the federal courts in some time," commented Steve Parrish of San Francisco's Gay Rights Advocates. "It's a very significant setback in our view. Basically, they adopted the Navy's line of reasoning right down the line."

News Analysis

1980 Candidates' Stands On Gay, Women's Rights

By Denise Sudell

If you're a registered voter, you've undoubtedly been agonizing over the past few weeks over which Presidential candidate to vote for — or whether you should vote at all. To help you make your decision, here's a quick rundown on some of the major candidates, their stands on lesbian, gay, and feminist issues, and — in some cases — arguments on why you should support or not support them. There's also an argument supporting not voting at all.

Carter

Incumbent President Jimmy Carter, a Democrat, says he supports his party's platform plank "affirming the dignity" of all persons regardless of sexual orientation and calling for "appropriate legislative and administrative action to undertake these goals." He has also supported a bill now pending in Congress which would amend the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act to halt the exclusion of foreign gay men and lesbians from the United States.

During Carter's term, members of his staff have met with delegations of white and Third World gay and lesbian activists to discuss those groups' concerns. The Car-

ter Administration has also issued a directive to agency and department heads forbidding them from inquiring into the sexual habits of employees or applicants for federal jobs.

Carter has been criticized for giving insufficient support to the gay and lesbian communities, as well as to supporters of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, which he says he supports as well. Carter supporters reply that other candidates with stronger appeals to the gay and lesbian communities do not have enough support to be elected, and that voting for those candidates will throw the election to right-wing Ronald Reagan.

"If we do not do everything within our power to defeat Reagan, if we do not give Carter a chance to at least double his already-impressive record of accomplishments for us, by a second term, we will have only 'might have beens,' as our lives recede back into the bleakness and desolation of past years," wrote long-time activist Franklin Kameny in a column supporting Carter in the *Blade*.

Reagan

Republican candidate Ronald Reagan told the Los Angeles *Times* in January that he does not

ruling.

Attorneys for the three discharged sailors had argued that their Constitutional right to due process was violated by the Navy's policy of not judging such cases individually on their merits. They claimed the Navy was required to show in each case a relation between sexual orientation and fitness to remain in the service.

Hitchens told GCN that the ruling allows for exceptions in cases of isolated incidents of lesbian or gay sex but that its overall effect is one of blanket exclusion from the Navy for homosexual activity. She said the ruling will probably apply as well to the other branches of the military, which have regulations similar to those of the Navy.

"I think the other services are certainly pleased to see this decision come down," Parrish told GCN. "One of the strong argu-

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think that "American society should be asked to accept that homosexuality is a standard which should be held up for acceptance. I just don't believe that, and I'm not going to push it." His position does not appear to have changed since that point.

Reagan opposes the ERA, saying that it would eliminate discrimination which is necessary to "protect" women because of their biological differences from men.

In addition, a number of Reagan's key campaign advisors, including Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-NV), have vehemently opposed gay and lesbian rights and women's rights in the past. Reagan openly aligns himself with radical fundamentalist Christian groups such as Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, which oppose gay and lesbian rights as being "anti-family."

Gay and lesbian Reagan supporters point to his 1978 opposition to California's Proposition 6 (the Briggs Initiative), which would have banned gay men and lesbians, and "advocates of homosexuality," from teaching in the state's schools. "Ronald Reagan gives all Americans — including talented and hard-working

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News Notes

quote of the week

"They'll both fuck you, but Carter will offer you coffee in the morning."

— Actress-activist Jane Fonda, endorsing incumbent President Jimmy Carter over Republican challenger Ronald Reagan at a fundraiser for the re-election campaign of openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt. Quoted in the *Bay Area Reporter*, October 23, 1980.

you cannot suffer alone

EVANSTON, IL — Five members of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force joined more than 1000 people who gathered at Northwestern University's Deering Meadow to protest a Nazi rally being held the same day at a park in this north suburban Chicago community.

The five lesbian and gay protesters carried a yellow, white, and purple "Illinois Gay Rights Task Force" banner to "demonstrate gay support for the protest rally and to remind those assembled of the thousands of gay victims of the Nazi Holocaust," according to Chicago's *GayLife*.

Darrell Yates-Rist, a Task Force member, told the paper that the group attended the rally "for two reasons. Homosexuals were in the camps — the Nazis hate us, too. But more than that. Even if we hadn't been victims of the Holocaust, we would fight them for (the Jews). When one party of humanity is oppressed, every part is oppressed. You cannot suffer alone."

Across town in Lovelace Park, eleven uniformed Nazis were prevented from holding their rally by an angry crowd of 2500 protesters who pelted the Nazis with rocks and eggs. One police officer was injured and five people were arrested before the Nazis left and the crowd dispersed.

At the peaceful Deering Meadow rally, students, area residents and members of Jewish organizations heard a variety of speakers denounce what many see as growing anti-Semitism, both here and abroad. Independent presidential candidate John Anderson said that now is the time to stop such activity. "I think it is a sin to remain silent," Anderson said. "An attack on the Jews is an attack on everyone."

The response from other demonstrators to the IGRTF members was largely positive, *GayLife* said. No lesbian or gay rally speakers were reported.

physician's group forming

BOSTON — The first meeting of a gay and lesbian physician's group was held Sunday October 20. The group calls itself Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England (GALPONE) and is a continuation of an all-psychiatrist group, the New England Gay Psychiatrists.

"We wanted to expand to include physicians, house staff and medical students of every specialty to make the group more interesting and to give us more political punch," said Dr. David Seil, former president of the gay psychiatrists group.

Based on the model of San Francisco's 300 member Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR), the new organization has plans to become a major education and support group as well as a social network and political action group.

All physicians, residents, interns and medical students are invited to the monthly meetings, the next to be held Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 pm. For further information call Dr. Sandy Reder, (617) 522-9809 or Dr. Richard Pillard, (617) 247-5485.

bizarre

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay Rights Advocates, a legal organization here, is not satisfied with the new directives recently issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) concerning lesbian and gay aliens. The organization has announced plans to initiate further litigation concerning the directives, according to the *Bay Area Reporter* (BAR).

The new directives bar border officials from asking "suspect" aliens about their sexual orientation or practices, but allows them to exclude persons who "voluntarily" admit in private interviews that they are lesbian or gay (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 9).

GRA director Don Knutson told *BAR* that while the directives appear to the Justice Department to be a compromise, they are in essence "bizarre." "What remains is the principle," he said. "The law remains on the books which the Justice Department insists they must enforce."

That law, the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, bans homosexuals from entering the country, classifying them under the categories of "psychopathic personality" and "sexual deviance." The Justice Department's position is that the directive was intended as an attempt to enforce the law as loosely as possible.

GRA plans to set up a test case to challenge the constitutionality of the law. According to *BAR*, one possible litigant is Carl Hill, a Briton and reporter for the London *Gay News* who attracted national and worldwide media attention when he was refused admission to San Francisco in June 1979 because he was wearing a gay rights button (see *GCN*, Vol. 6, No. 48). The paper reports that Hill is willing to challenge the law as far as the U.S. Supreme Court.

truth squad

WASHINGTON, DC — Another New Right organization, the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, has initiated a new program which appears to be largely devoted to combating lesbian and gay rights.

The program, called The American Family Truth Squad (TAFTS), will "run an aggressive educational campaign" to "expose . . . taxpayer-financed programs which promote immorality and are anti-family," according to a fundraising letter signed by "Carl T. Curtis, United State Senator, retired."

The fundraising letter warns that passage of the lesbian and gay rights bill currently pending in Congress would "force heterosexual college students, male and female, to share dorm rooms with openly 'gay' boys and 'lesbian' girls." It also claims that passage of the bill would force private religious schools to hire "openly homosexual" staff members teachers and other, and would qualify "homosexual 'families'" for welfare benefits, food stamps, unemployment benefits, and public housing.

TAFTS also castigates President Carter in its letter and its "Executive Report" for allowing "communist dictator Fidel *Castro to dump 20,000 homosexual Cubans on the American taxpayers* [sic] *back*" (emphasis in the original).

The "Executive Report" is devoted largely to stories on lesbian and gay rights. It reports on Senators and members of Congress who support the bills pending in both houses of the federal legislature to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (HR2074, which TAFTS claims would require the inclusion of lesbians and gay men in affirmative action programs) and to amend the 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act to allow the entry into the U.S. of lesbian and gay aliens (S2210).

The "Report" focuses heavily on perceived strong support for "pro-homosexual" measures by Carter.

solely due to homophobia

SAN FRANCISCO — Increasing acts of street violence against lesbians and gay males in this city — and allegations that police fail to take action on those attacks — were detailed by victims, community leaders, and officials at a hearing held at City Hall here recently.

About 250 people packed the Board of Supervisors' chambers to hear testimony by openly gay Supervisor Harry Britt, who called the hearings; Dick Stingel, chair of Community United Against Violence (CUAV), and Dr. Stuart Fleming, emergency room director at Ralph K. Davies Medical Center in the Castro, a heavily gay area.

Stingel cited a fourfold increase in the frequency of assaults against lesbians and gay men in the past year. In 1979, he said, 123 reports of such assaults were received by CUAV; 280 such reports have been received by the organization so far this year, and the attacks have become more numerous since April, when CBS aired the controversial program on the city's gay community, *Gay Power, Gay Politics*.

According to the San Francisco *Sentinel*, Stingel said that 98 per cent of the attackers were male; 40 per cent were black, 30 per cent were Anglo, and 30 per cent were Latino. He said that since last year, Latino involvement has decreased by half; Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver said that the myth that anti-gay violence is being perpetrated by the Latino community is "simply unfounded and should be laid to rest once and for all."

Four out of five assailants were teenagers between the ages of 14 and 19, Stingel said. In two-thirds of the attacks, the assailants were walking in groups of two to six persons; they generally made anti-gay remarks prior to the assault, and 90 per cent of the victims attribute the motivation of the attack solely to homophobia.

if it matters, don't bother

BERKELEY, CA — Law firms planning to interview at the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley have been asked to state what weight, if any, they give to an applicant's sexual orientation. *The American Lawyer*, a legal publication, says that pressure from the school's Gay Caucus brought the Boalt administration to agree to attach the question to the standardized National Association for Law Placement questionnaire, and to inform students of recruiters' responses.

The American Lawyer also quoted a source in the admissions office who said that most firms have responded that they do not discriminate. One Portland, Oregon firm, Wood, Tatum, Mosser, Brooke & Holden, answered, "We have never thought to inquire of applicants regarding their sexual orientation; however, an applicant for whom the subject has importance, should probably not apply." Tooze Kerr Marshall & Shenker, another Portland firm, wrote, "We will not employ perverts or deviants."

people v. onofre

ALBANY, NY — The New York State Court of Appeals has heard arguments in a case which may lead to the state's sodomy law being ruled unconstitutional. In January of this year, the same case drew a decision from the Appellate Court in Syracuse which read, in part, "Personal sexual conduct is a fundamental right protected by the right to privacy. The right is broad enough to include consensual acts between non-married persons and intimate and consensual homosexual conduct."

The case, *People v. Onofre*, started three years ago when Ronald Onofre was arrested because his lover, Russell Evans, went to the police and claimed he had been forced to commit sodomy. Evans latter admitted the affair was consensual and Onofre was subsequently charged with consensual sodomy. He was sentenced to one year's probation.

Bonnie Strunk, Onofre's attorney, said, "Some of the members of the Court seemed relatively sympathetic and felt that there does not seem to be any state interests involved that would justify the statute." At issue in the case, though, is whether the constitutional questions can be considered, since Onofre admitted guilt.

Strunk explained that a similar decision from the Appeals Court could justify changes in a number of areas since the Appellate decision did not consider the moral opinions of a majority of citizens sufficient justification for a statute of this nature. A decision is expected before the end of November.

just call them queer

FORT WAYNE, IN — The Indiana Lesbian and Gay State Conference met as scheduled despite flack from about 100 followers of Indiana Baptist preacher Greg Dixon. According to the *Trois*, a gay/lesbian paper in Fort Wayne, the protestors were mostly men and a few children. They gathered in the street opposite the "Y" where the conference was to take place, and attracted much media attention.

"The theme of the conference was 'From Pride to Politics' and the marchers outside served well as a grim illustration of the type of mentality we, gay and lesbian people, are up against," said Jerry Jokay in his account of the conference in *Trois*. He added, however, that the born-again protest attracted plenty of publicity to the conference. Conference planners issued a press statement:

"Lesbians, gay men, and our friends from throughout Indiana are gathering today to discuss our political, economic, and social well-being. We are Americans, with the right to peaceably assemble."

Sonney Snell, associate pastor of the Baptist Church, later issued a statement to the Indianapolis *Star*:

"I don't call them homosexuals or gays, I just call them 'queer'! They're not gay, they're the sorriest people on the face of the earth, and I don't want these perverts teaching my children."

born-again split

NEW YORK CITY — Diligent efforts by "born-again" Christian leaders to mold their followers into one voting bloc for November's elections don't seem to be working, according to a poll taken by the Associated Press and NBC News.

In their latest poll, taken October 8 to 10, about one third of the 1548 "likely voters" interviewed classified themselves as "born-again." About as many of that group of born-again intend to vote for Carter as for Reagan, despite endorsements of Reagan by some prominent conservative Christians. Forty-two percent said they supported Reagan, 41% Carter, Anderson was named by 6%, others by 1%, and 10% were undecided. Both Carter and Anderson have described themselves as born-again Christians.

However, 42% is a poor showing for Reagan who, according to the recent poll, leads Carter by a 51 to 27 edge among non-born again Protestants. Among all likely voters, Reagan holds a 43 to 35 margin.

The poll also indicates that Carter has gained popularity among born-again voters since the end of September. In an AP-CBS poll taken from September 22 to 24, Reagan was the choice of 46% of born-again and Carter, 35%.

A fact often overlooked by white people discussing the born again phenomenon is that many of them are black. Fifty-three percent of all the blacks polled described themselves as born-again in contrast to 34% of the whites.

And born-again black voters are apparently behind the split in presidential preference. By an 82 to 6 margin, born again blacks favor Carter, while born again whites back Reagan 46 to 37.

In general born-again Protestants — like others in AP-CBS's "likely voter" category — frown upon church involvement with politics. The poll shows only one in 25 born agains would be more likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by a member of the clergy. Such a suggestion by a minister would make no difference to 9 in 10 of the born-agains polled. By a 61 to 35 margin, born-agains said the church should stay out of politics altogether.

News Analysis

Bachrach Battles McCann In Mass. Senate Race

By Eric E. Rofes

BOSTON — The September primaries in Massachusetts assured that 1980 would be a good year for political candidates supporting lesbian and gay rights. The victories of State Rep. Barney Frank, Pat McGovern, Tom Gallagher, and Congressperson Jim Shannon over conservative, anti-gay candidates bode well for the future of lesbian and gay legislation both on the state level and in the Massachusetts Congressional delegation.

In the November elections, local lesbian and gay activists appear to be focusing their attention on the Tom Valley-Jim MacDonald fight to replace Barney Frank as state representative from Back Bay/Beacon Hill/South End/Bay Village (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 15) and on Robert McCarthy's challenge to Congressperson Margaret Heckler.

Heckler is finding that her votes against abortion rights and in support of the anti-gay McDonald Amendment are helping to make her vulnerable to McCarthy. McCarthy has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC) and has supported both gay rights and abortion rights at the state level.

Little attention has been directed at George Bachrach's challenge to Sen. Francis X. McCann. Bachrach, who is running as an independent, stands a real chance of defeating the long-term conservative senator from the Cambridge/Belmont/Watertown/Allston-Brighton area and seems to be one of the strongest advocates of lesbian and gay rights in the November election.

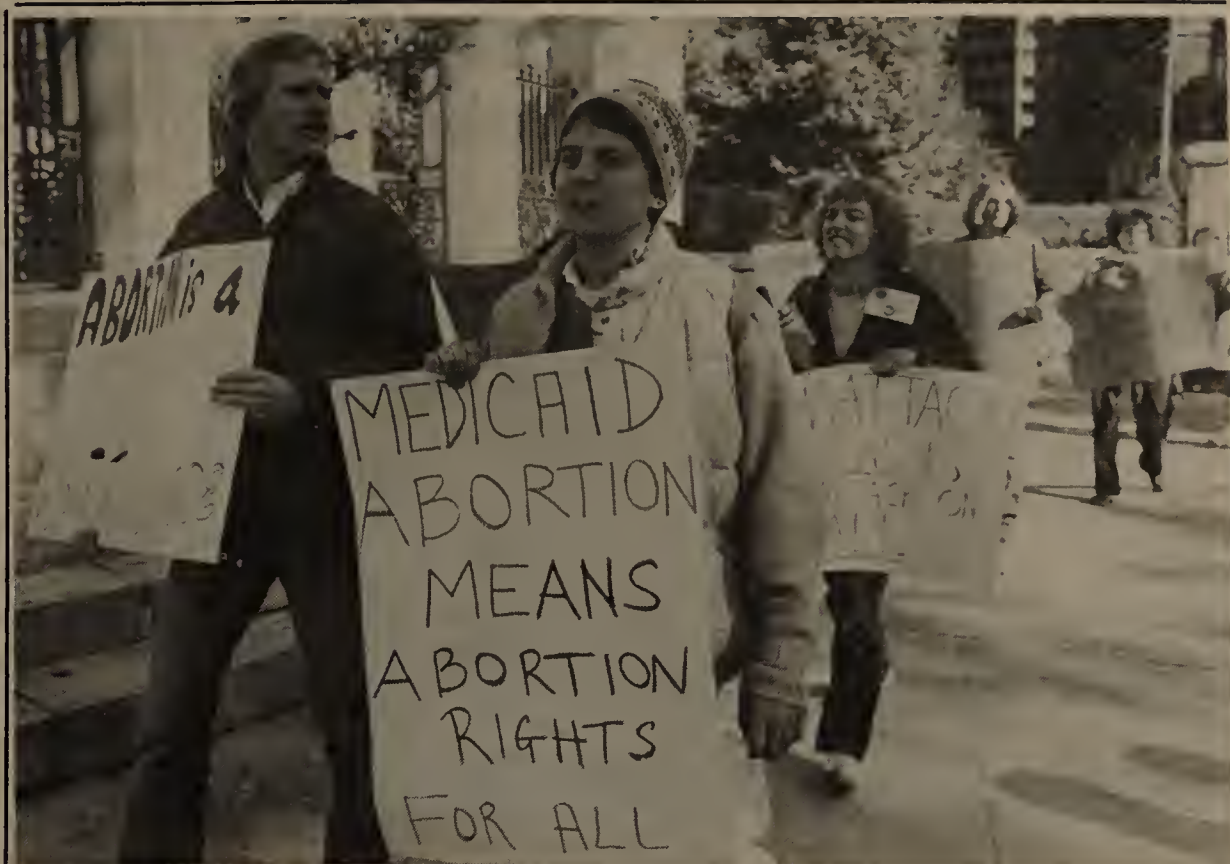
While McCann has accumu-

lated a long record against women's rights and lesbian and gay rights, Bachrach has been endorsed by the MWPC, the Americans for Democratic Action, and Citizens for Participation in Political Action. Bachrach is outspokenly pro-choice, pro-ERA, and supports legislation aiding displaced homemakers and battered women. Bachrach has political credentials including work for Ed Markey and former Governor Michael Dukakis and has served as the assistant district attorney for Middlesex County. While Bachrach's campaign literature describes him as a "vote against [Governor] Ed King" and stresses such issues as the Massachusetts Transit Authority, condominium conversion, and energy saving, Bachrach is a strong progressive on social issues.

In an interview with *GCN*, Bachrach stated, "I have a deep commitment to gay rights. I strongly believe that gay rights is the last frontier of civil rights." Bachrach told *GCN* that he would be eager to sponsor the gay rights bills because "sexual preference has to be made a fundamental right."

Concerning strategy for the passage of lesbian and gay rights legislation, Bachrach said, "There are about a dozen good state senators who are in the twentieth century, and if we move as a bloc our coalition could really move on certain issues, including gay rights... Coalition building is the key to passing gay rights legislation in the Senate."

Bachrach said that as long as King is governor, the passage of progressive lesbian and gay rights



Susan Fleischmann

Women and men marched in front of the Massachusetts State House last week in support of abortion rights for poor women.

Eagleton Niece Guilty In Gay Extortion Case

Compiled by Jil Clark

SAINT LOUIS — A federal jury has found a niece of Sen. Thomas Eagleton and her former attorney guilty of trying to extort \$220,000 from the Missouri Democrat by threatening to start a rumor that he is homosexual.

Elizabeth Weigand and Stephen Poludniak were convicted of one count each of extortion and conspiracy. The maximum punishment on the two charges is seven years in prison and fines totaling \$10,500. The date of their sentencing has not been set.

During the proceeding, the one-time vice-presidential candidate read to the federal court room a handwritten note in which, he testified, his niece had stated:

"The Senator is bisexual, if not totally gay. He was seen with an ex-Pennsylvania Congressman at La Terrazza in Key West, Fla. He was fairly disheveled, not in a suit."

La Terrazza De Marti is a gay-owned restaurant and guesthouse frequented by gay men.

The Senator testified he had never been to La Terrazza and had been to Key West only once, on a fishing trip in March 1972 with Sen. Gaylord Nelson, a Wisconsin Democrat, and their two sons. At that time, Eagleton was the running mate of presidential candidate George McGovern. Months later, McGovern dropped Eagleton when it was disclosed that he had undergone shock treatments for depression.

However, in testimony last week, Weigand admitted that she wanted Eagleton's lawyers to think that she would disseminate harmful information about the senator if he did not buy her stock in the Eagleton family's Missouri

Pipe Fittings Company for \$220,000. She said that Poludniak had told her the actions were legal and that she had acted on his advice.

She also testified that the allegations about Eagleton, who is now up for re-election, was "wild, preposterous and ridiculous."

A spokesman for Eagleton at his office in Washington said that the accusation and suit have not harmed Eagleton's re-election effort; polls of Missourians indicate he leads his Republican opponent by 21 per cent.

GCN asked the owner of La Terrazza De Marti, Lawrence Formica, whether Eagleton had ever been a guest there. "I don't think so," he replied, "but people come here on vacation, so I have a policy of never asking what they do (for a living)." Formica did recall, however, that Weigand visited Key West a few years ago, when his restaurant was "much smaller and almost all gay."

Join To Battle Right, Valeska Tells Portland

By Kimberly Mohr

PORTLAND, OR — National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Co-Executive Director Lucia Valeska, in an appearance with Bob Wechter of the Carter/Mondale re-election campaign, warned lesbian and gay listeners here that although the gay and lesbian movement has accomplished much during the past decade, the current political climate causes her to pose the question of whether a national lesbian and gay agenda for the next decade will even exist.

She suggested areas of difference between lesbians and gay men which must be dealt with if the two groups are to work together to battle the New Right, while Wechter urged lesbian and gay voters to support President Jimmy Carter for re-election in order to prevent the election of right-wing Republican challenger Ronald Reagan.

In her speech, entitled "Survival in the '80s: Gay Culture vs. Gay Politics," Valeska told listeners that with the proliferation of television evangelicals, the New Right, embodied in fundamentalist Christian groups such as Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, the PTL (Praise the Lord) Club, and Christian Voice, is raising literally millions of dollars to promote their values and views through legislation.

She warned that these groups pose a genuine threat to the lesbian and gay movement, and pointed out that anti-gay attitudes are being expressed not only by fanatical right-wing groups, but by television networks in such programs as CBS's *Gay Power*, *Gay Politics*, and even by a serious Presidential candidate (Reagan).

Valeska read a memo which NGTF had received anonymously;

the sender claimed it came from within the Reagan camp. The memo, which, Valeska pointed out, was "unsubstantiated," purported to describe a meeting between Reagan and Falwell at which the two men agreed that if Reagan is elected President, Falwell will urge Rep. Larry McDonald (D-GA) to introduce legislation in to Congress which, if passed, would declare the lesbian and gay rights movement a national subversion and require known homosexuals to file a federal registration report.

Valeska told *GCN* that the NGTF staff thought the memo was a political ploy ("people get nasty around election time"), but that she chose to share it with her audience in Portland, pointing out that it was "unsubstantiated," because she thought it raised important points about the New Right.

Brill Fund Holds Benefit

BOSTON — About 150 gay men, lesbians and their supporters attended a benefit afternoon for the David Brill Memorial Fund, a fund set up in memory of the late *GCN* political analyst David Brill, who died nearly a year ago. Among those present at the benefit were representatives of many of the city's business, religious, political organizations and members of the state and city legislatures.

"The divergent people present were the best testimony to David Brill's memory," benefit organizer Lee Stone told *GCN*. "He would have loved seeing meaningful interaction and conversation going on between those who've taken adversary positions on many issues in our community."

Members of Brill's family also attended the benefit.

The benefit was one of a series

of fundraising events for the organization, which helps finance a legislative/investigative reporter for *GCN*, as well as maintaining a special-needs fund for the greater Boston gay and lesbian community. Other events planned include "dollar nights" at several local bars. Stone said that the final tally of money raised by the benefits would not be released until all the benefits had been completed.

Houston Activists Testify On Abuse

By Richard Burckhardt

HOUSTON — Members of this city's lesbian and gay community addressed Houston City Council and a packed council chamber recently in an attempt to gain better relations with the Houston Police Department.

Most of the nine gay speakers told of abuse by Houston police officers, and made references to Fred Paez, the Gay Political Caucus worker who was shot and killed by an off-duty Houston police officer on June 28. Many of Houston's gays feel that Paez was "murdered."

"Houston's police harass us, abuse us, and even murder us," said Kent Naasz, who is a member of Lutherans Concerned for Gay People. "We encourage Council to work with us to end this treatment."

Rev. Charles Larsen of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection offered his aid in working with the Houston Police Academy Curriculum Board to orient Houston police to the misconceptions and myths that he feels many officers have of lesbians and gay men.

"I want to stop complaining [about police harassment]," said Larsen. "Right now our relation with the Houston police force is very poor. Let's change that."

All of the speakers praised the council for their support in the past and asked that they help them in the lesbian and gay community's new effort to improve relations with HPD.

The night had been dubbed "Gay Night at City Hall" by local activists as a celebration of the anniversary of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights held on October 14, 1979.

Lisa Fenton, a volunteer staff member of the Wilde'n'Stein radio program for lesbians and gay men on KPFT, called for an anti-discrimination ordinance to be issued by Council.

"It's pretty sad when the people who are supposed to protect us, kill us," said Fenton.

None of the council members offered a resolution to pursue the issue.

At the conclusion of the lesbian and gay related speeches, almost half of the remaining audience left with the speakers.

News Notes

quote of the week

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— Actress-activist Jane Fonda, endorsing incumbent President Jimmy Carter over Republican challenger Ronald Reagan at a fundraiser for the re-election campaign of openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt. Quoted in the *Bay Area Reporter*, October 23, 1980.

you cannot suffer alone

EVANSTON, IL — Five members of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force joined more than 1000 people who gathered at Northwestern University's Deering Meadow to protest a Nazi rally being held the same day at a park in this north suburban Chicago community.

The five lesbian and gay protesters carried a yellow, white, and purple "Illinois Gay Rights Task Force" banner to "demonstrate gay support for the protest rally and to remind those assembled of the thousands of gay victims of the Nazi Holocaust," according to Chicago's *GayLife*.

Darrell Yates-Rist, a Task Force member, told the paper that the group attended the rally "for two reasons. Homosexuals were in the camps — the Nazis hate us, too. But more than that. Even if we hadn't been victims of the Holocaust, we would fight them for (the Jews). When one party of humanity is oppressed, every part is oppressed. You cannot suffer alone."

Across town in Lovelace Park, eleven uniformed Nazis were prevented from holding their rally by an angry crowd of 2500 protesters who pelted the Nazis with rocks and eggs. One police officer was injured and five people were arrested before the Nazis left and the crowd dispersed.

At the peaceful Deering Meadow rally, students, area residents and members of Jewish organizations heard a variety of speakers denounce what many see as growing anti-Semitism, both here and abroad. Independent presidential candidate John Anderson said that now is the time to stop such activity. "I think it is a sin to remain silent," Anderson said. "An attack on the Jews is an attack on everyone."

The response from other demonstrators to the IGRTF members was largely positive, *GayLife* said. No lesbian or gay rally speakers were reported.

physician's group forming

BOSTON — The first meeting of a gay and lesbian physician's group was held Sunday October 20. The group calls itself Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England (GALPONE) and is a continuation of an all-psychiatrist group, the New England Gay Psychiatrists.

"We wanted to expand to include physicians, house staff and medical students of every specialty to make the group more interesting and to give us more political punch," said Dr. David Seil, former president of the gay psychiatrists group.

Based on the model of San Francisco's 300 member Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR), the new organization has plans to become a major education and support group as well as a social network and political action group.

All physicians, residents, interns and medical students are invited to the monthly meetings, the next to be held Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 pm. For further information call Dr. Sandy Reder, (617) 522-9809 or Dr. Richard Pillard, (617) 247-5485.

bizarre

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay Rights Advocates, a legal organization here, is not satisfied with the new directives recently issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) concerning lesbian and gay aliens. The organization has announced plans to initiate further litigation concerning the directives, according to the *Bay Area Reporter* (BAR).

The new directives bar border officials from asking "suspect" aliens about their sexual orientation or practices, but allows them to exclude persons who "voluntarily" admit in private interviews that they are lesbian or gay (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 9).

GRA director Don Knutson told *BAR* that while the directives appear to the Justice Department to be a compromise, they are in essence "bizarre." "What remains is the principle," he said. "The law remains on the books which the Justice Department insists they must enforce."

That law, the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, bans homosexuals from entering the country, classifying them under the categories of "psychopathic personality" and "sexual deviance." The Justice Department's position is that the directive was intended as an attempt to enforce the law as loosely as possible.

GRA plans to set up a test case to challenge the constitutionality of the law. According to *BAR*, one possible litigant is Carl Hill, a Briton and reporter for the *London Gay News* who attracted national and worldwide media attention when he was refused admission to San Francisco in June 1979 because he was wearing a gay rights button (see *GCN*, Vol. 6, No. 48). The paper reports that Hill is willing to challenge the law as far as the U.S. Supreme Court.

truth squad

WASHINGTON, DC — Another New Right organization, the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, has initiated a new program which appears to be largely devoted to combating lesbian and gay rights.

The program, called The American Family Truth Squad (TAFTS), will "run an aggressive educational campaign" to "expose . . . taxpayer-financed programs which promote immorality and are anti-family," according to a fundraising letter signed by "Carl T. Curtis, United State Senator, retired."

The fundraising letter warns that passage of the lesbian and gay rights bill currently pending in Congress would "force heterosexual college students, male and female, to share dorm rooms with openly 'gay' boys and 'lesbian' girls." It also claims that passage of the bill would force private religious schools to hire "openly homosexual" staff members teachers and other, and would qualify "homosexual 'families'" for welfare benefits, food stamps, unemployment benefits, and public housing.

TAFTS also castigates President Carter in its letter and its "Executive Report" for allowing "communist dictator Fidel Castro to dump 20,000 homosexual Cubans on the American taxpayers [sic] back" (emphasis in the original).

The "Executive Report" is devoted largely to stories on lesbian and gay rights. It reports on Senators and members of Congress who support the bills pending in both houses of the federal legislature to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (HR2074, which TAFTS claims would require the inclusion of lesbians and gay men in affirmative action programs) and to amend the 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act to allow the entry into the U.S. of lesbian and gay aliens (S2210).

The "Report" focuses heavily on perceived strong support for "pro-homosexual" measures by Carter.

solely due to homophobia

SAN FRANCISCO — Increasing acts of street violence against lesbians and gay males in this city — and allegations that police fail to take action on those attacks — were detailed by victims, community leaders, and officials at a hearing held at City Hall here recently.

About 250 people packed the Board of Supervisors' chambers to hear testimony by openly gay Supervisor Harry Britt, who called the hearings; Dick Stingel, chair of Community United Against Violence (CUAV), and Dr. Stuart Fleming, emergency room director at Ralph K. Davies Medical Center in the Castro, a heavily gay area.

Stingel cited a fourfold increase in the frequency of assaults against lesbians and gay men in the past year. In 1979, he said, 123 reports of such assaults were received by CUAV; 280 such reports have been received by the organization so far this year, and the attacks have become more numerous since April, when CBS aired the controversial program on the city's gay community, *Gay Power, Gay Politics*.

According to the San Francisco *Sentinel*, Stingel said that 98 per cent of the attackers were male; 40 per cent were black, 30 per cent were Anglo, and 30 per cent were Latino. He said that since last year, Latino involvement has decreased by half; Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver said that the myth that anti-gay violence is being perpetrated by the Latino community is "simply unfounded and should be laid to rest once and for all."

Four out of five assailants were teenagers between the ages of 14 and 19, Stingel said. In two-thirds of the attacks, the assailants were walking in groups of two to six persons; they generally made anti-gay remarks prior to the assault, and 90 per cent of the victims attribute the motivation of the attack solely to homophobia.

if it matters, don't bother

BERKELEY, CA — Law firms planning to interview at the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley have been asked to state what weight, if any, they give to an applicant's sexual orientation. *The American Lawyer*, a legal publication, says that pressure from the school's Gay Caucus brought the Boalt administration to agree to attach the question to the standardized National Association for Law Placement questionnaire, and to inform students of recruiters' responses.

The American Lawyer also quoted a source in the admissions office who said that most firms have responded that they do not discriminate. One Portland, Oregon firm, Wood, Tatum, Mosser, Brooke & Holden, answered, "We have never thought to inquire of applicants regarding their sexual orientation; however, an applicant for whom the subject has importance, should probably not apply." Tooze Kerr Marshall & Shenker, another Portland firm, wrote, "We will not employ perverts or deviants."

people v. onofre

ALBANY, NY — The New York State Court of Appeals has heard arguments in a case which may lead to the state's sodomy law being ruled unconstitutional. In January of this year, the same case drew a decision from the Appellate Court in Syracuse which read, in part, "Personal sexual conduct is a fundamental right protected by the right to privacy. The right is broad enough to include consensual acts between non-married persons and intimate and consensual homosexual conduct."

The case, *People v. Onofre*, started three years ago when Ronald Onofre was arrested because his lover, Russell Evans, went to the police and claimed he had been forced to commit sodomy. Evans later admitted the affair was consensual and Onofre was subsequently charged with consensual sodomy. He was sentenced to one year's probation.

Bonnie Strunk, Onofre's attorney, said, "Some of the members of the Court seemed relatively sympathetic and felt that there does not seem to be any state interests involved that would justify the statute." At issue in the case, though, is whether the constitutional questions can be considered, since Onofre admitted guilt.

Strunk explained that a similar decision from the Appeals Court could justify changes in a number of areas since the Appellate decision did not consider the moral opinions of a majority of citizens sufficient justification for a statute of this nature. A decision is expected before the end of November.

just call them queer

FORT WAYNE, IN — The Indiana Lesbian and Gay State Conference met as scheduled despite flack from about 100 followers of Indiana Baptist preacher Greg Dixon. According to the *Trois*, a gay/lesbian paper in Fort Wayne, the protestors were mostly men and a few children. They gathered in the street opposite the "Y" where the conference was to take place, and attracted much media attention.

"The theme of the conference was 'From Pride to Politics' and the marchers outside served well as a grim illustration of the type of mentality we, gay and lesbian people, are up against," said Jerry Jokay in his account of the conference in *Trois*. He added, however, that the born-again protest attracted plenty of publicity to the conference. Conference planners issued a press statement:

"Lesbians, gay men, and our friends from throughout Indiana are gathering today to discuss our political, economic, and social well-being. We are Americans, with the right to peaceably assemble."

Sonney Snell, associate pastor of the Baptist Church, later issued a statement to the *Indianapolis Star*:

"I don't call them homosexuals or gays, I just call them 'queer'! They're not gay, they're the sorriest people on the face of the earth, and I don't want these perverts teaching my children."

born-again split

NEW YORK CITY — Diligent efforts by "born-again" Christian leaders to mold their followers into one voting bloc for November's elections don't seem to be working, according to a poll taken by the Associated Press and NBC News.

In their latest poll, taken October 8 to 10, about one third of the 1548 "likely voters" interviewed classified themselves as "born-again." About as many of that group of born-again intend to vote for Carter as for Reagan, despite endorsements of Reagan by some prominent conservative Christians. Forty-two percent said they supported Reagan, 41% Carter, Anderson was named by 6%, others by 1%, and 10% were undecided. Both Carter and Anderson have described themselves as born-again Christians.

However, 42% is a poor showing for Reagan who, according to the recent poll, leads Carter by a 51 to 27 edge among non-born again Protestants. Among all likely voters, Reagan holds a 43 to 35 margin.

The poll also indicates that Carter has gained popularity among born-again voters since the end of September. In an AP-CBS poll taken from September 22 to 24, Reagan was the choice of 46% of born-again and Carter, 35%.

A fact often overlooked by white people discussing the born again phenomenon is that many of them are black. Fifty-three percent of all the blacks polled described themselves as born-again in contrast to 34% of the whites.

And born-again black voters are apparently behind the split in presidential preference. By an 82 to 6 margin, born again blacks favor Carter, while born again whites back Reagan 46 to 37.

In general born-again Protestants — like others in AP-CBS's "likely voter" category — frown upon church involvement with politics. The poll shows only one in 25 born agains would be more likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by a member of the clergy. Such a suggestion by a minister would make no difference to 9 in 10 of the born-agains polled. By a 61 to 35 margin, born-again said the church should stay out of politics altogether.

News Analysis

Bachrach Battles McCann In Mass. Senate Race

By Eric E. Rofes

BOSTON — The September primaries in Massachusetts assured that 1980 would be a good year for political candidates supporting lesbian and gay rights. The victories of State Rep. Barney Frank, Pat McGovern, Tom Gallagher, and Congressperson Jim Shannon over conservative, anti-gay candidates bode well for the future of lesbian and gay legislation both on the state level and in the Massachusetts Congressional delegation.

In the November elections, local lesbian and gay activists appear to be focusing their attention on the Tom Valley-Jim MacDonald fight to replace Barney Frank as state representative from Back Bay/Beacon Hill/South End/Bay Village (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 15) and on Robert McCarthy's challenge to Congressperson Margaret Heckler.

Heckler is finding that her votes against abortion rights and in support of the anti-gay McDonald Amendment are helping to make her vulnerable to McCarthy. McCarthy has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC) and has supported both gay rights and abortion rights at the state level.

Little attention has been directed at George Bachrach's challenge to Sen. Francis X. McCann. Bachrach, who is running as an independent, stands a real chance of defeating the long-term conservative senator from the Cambridge/Belmont/Watertown/Allston-Brighton area and seems to be one of the strongest advocates of lesbian and gay rights in the November election.

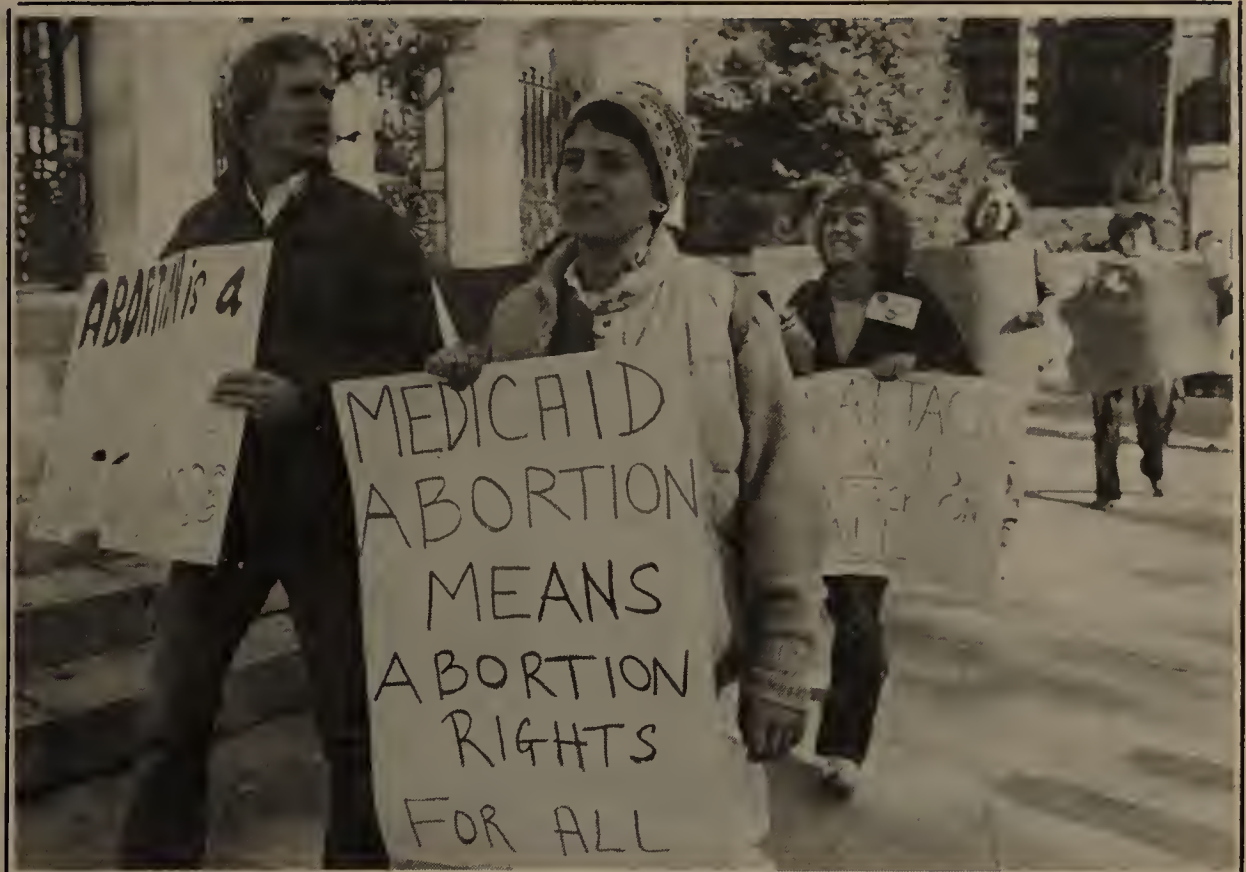
While McCann has accumu-

lated a long record against women's rights and lesbian and gay rights, Bachrach has been endorsed by the MWPC, the Americans for Democratic Action, and Citizens for Participation in Political Action. Bachrach is outspokenly pro-choice, pro-ERA, and supports legislation aiding displaced homemakers and battered women. Bachrach has political credentials including work for Ed Markey and former Governor Michael Dukakis and has served as the assistant district attorney for Middlesex County. While Bachrach's campaign literature describes him as a "vote against [Governor] Ed King" and stresses such issues as the Massachusetts Transit Authority, condominium conversion, and energy saving, Bachrach is a strong progressive on social issues.

In an interview with *GCN*, Bachrach stated, "I have a deep commitment to gay rights. I strongly believe that gay rights is the last frontier of civil rights." Bachrach told *GCN* that he would be eager to sponsor the gay rights bills because "sexual preference has to be made a fundamental right."

Concerning strategy for the passage of lesbian and gay rights legislation, Bachrach said, "There are about a dozen good state senators who are in the twentieth century, and if we move as a bloc our coalition could really move on certain issues, including gay rights . . . Coalition building is the key to passing gay rights legislation in the Senate."

Bachrach said that as long as King is governor, the passage of progressive lesbian and gay rights



Susan Fleischmann

Women and men marched in front of the Massachusetts State House last week in support of abortion rights for poor women.

Eagleton Niece Guilty In Gay Extortion Case

Compiled by Jil Clark

SAINT LOUIS — A federal jury has found a niece of Sen. Thomas Eagleton and her former attorney guilty of trying to extort \$220,000 from the Missouri Democrat by threatening to start a rumor that he is homosexual.

Elizabeth Weigand and Stephen Poludniak were convicted of one count each of extortion and conspiracy. The maximum punishment on the two charges is seven years in prison and fines totaling \$10,500. The date of their sentencing has not been set.

During the proceeding, the one-time vice-presidential candidate read to the federal court room a handwritten note in which, he testified, his niece had stated:

"The Senator is bisexual, if not totally gay. He was seen with an ex-Pennsylvania Congressman at La Terrazza in Key West, Fla. He was fairly disheveled, not in a suit."

La Terrazza De Marti is a gay-owned restaurant and guesthouse frequented by gay men.

The Senator testified he had never been to La Terrazza and had been to Key West only once, on a fishing trip in March 1972 with Sen. Gaylord Nelson, a Wisconsin Democrat, and their two sons. At that time, Eagleton was the running mate of presidential candidate George McGovern. Months later, McGovern dropped Eagleton when it was disclosed that he had undergone shock treatments for depression.

However, in testimony last week, Weigand admitted that she wanted Eagleton's lawyers to think that she would disseminate harmful information about the senator if he did not buy her stock in the Eagleton family's Missouri

Pipe Fittings Company for \$220,000. She said that Poludniak had told her the actions were legal and that she had acted on his advice.

She also testified that the allegations about Eagleton, who is now up for re-election, was "wild, preposterous and ridiculous."

A spokesman for Eagleton at his office in Washington said that the accusation and suit have not harmed Eagleton's re-election effort; polls of Missourians indicate he leads his Republican opponent by 21 per cent.

GCN asked the owner of La Terrazza De Marti, Lawrence Formica, whether Eagleton had ever been a guest there. "I don't think so," he replied, "but people come here on vacation, so I have a policy of never asking what they do (for a living)." Formica did recall, however, that Weigand visited Key West a few years ago, when his restaurant was "much smaller and almost all gay."

Join To Battle Right, Valeska Tells Portland

By Kimberly Mohr

PORTLAND, OR — National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Co-Executive Director Lucia Valeska, in an appearance with Bob Wechter of the Carter/Mondale re-election campaign, warned lesbian and gay listeners here that although the gay and lesbian movement has accomplished much during the past decade, the current political climate causes her to pose the question of whether a national lesbian and gay agenda for the next decade will even exist.

She suggested areas of difference between lesbians and gay men which must be dealt with if the two groups are to work together to battle the New Right, while Wechter urged lesbian and gay voters to support President Jimmy Carter for re-election in order to prevent the election of right-wing Republican challenger Ronald Reagan.

In her speech, entitled "Survival in the '80s: Gay Culture vs. Gay Politics," Valeska told listeners that with the proliferation of television evangelicals, the New Right, embodied in fundamentalist Christian groups such as Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, the PTL (Praise the Lord) Club, and Christian Voice, is raising literally millions of dollars to promote their values and views through legislation.

She warned that these groups pose a genuine threat to the lesbian and gay movement, and pointed out that anti-gay attitudes are being expressed not only by fanatical right-wing groups, but by television networks in such programs as CBS's *Gay Power*, *Gay Politics*, and even by a serious Presidential candidate (Reagan).

Valeska read a memo which NGTF had received anonymously;

the sender claimed it came from within the Reagan camp. The memo, which, Valeska pointed out, was "unsubstantiated," purported to describe a meeting between Reagan and Falwell at which the two men agreed that if Reagan is elected President, Falwell will urge Rep. Larry McDonald (D-GA) to introduce legislation in to Congress which, if passed, would declare the lesbian and gay rights movement a national subversion and require known homosexuals to file a federal registration report.

Valeska told *GCN* that the NGTF staff thought the memo was a political ploy ("people get nasty around election time"), but that she chose to share it with her audience in Portland, pointing out that it was "unsubstantiated," because she thought it raised important points about the New Right.

of fundraising events for the organization, which helps finance a legislative/investigative reporter for *GCN*, as well as maintaining a special-needs fund for the greater Boston gay and lesbian community. Other events planned include "dollar nights" at several local bars. Stone said that the final tally of money raised by the benefits would not be released until all the benefits had been completed.

Brill Fund Holds Benefit

BOSTON — About 150 gay men, lesbians and their supporters attended a benefit afternoon for the David Brill Memorial Fund, a fund set up in memory of the late *GCN* political analyst David Brill, who died nearly a year ago. Among those present at the benefit were representatives of many of the city's business, religious, political organizations and members of the state and city legislatures.

"The divergent people present were the best testimony to David Brill's memory," benefit organizer Lee Stone told *GCN*. "He would have loved seeing meaningful interaction and conversation going on between those who've taken adversary positions on many issues in our community."

Members of Brill's family also attended the benefit.

The benefit was one of a series

Houston Activists Testify On Abuse

By Richard Burckhardt

HOUSTON — Members of this city's lesbian and gay community addressed Houston City Council and a packed council chamber recently in an attempt to gain better relations with the Houston Police Department.

Most of the nine gay speakers told of abuse by Houston police officers, and made references to Fred Paez, the Gay Political Caucus worker who was shot and killed by an off-duty Houston police officer on June 28. Many of Houston's gays feel that Paez was "murdered."

"Houston's police harass us, abuse us, and even murder us," said Kent Naasz, who is a member of Lutherans Concerned for Gay People. "We encourage Council to work with us to end this treatment."

Rev. Charles Larsen of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection offered his aid in working with the Houston Police Academy Curriculum Board to orient Houston police to the misconceptions and myths that he feels many officers have of lesbians and gay men.

"I want to stop complaining [about police harassment]," said Larsen. "Right now our relation with the Houston police force is very poor. Let's change that."

All of the speakers praised the council for their support in the past and asked that they help them in the lesbian and gay community's new effort to improve relations with HPD.

The night had been dubbed "Gay Night at City Hall" by local activists as a celebration of the anniversary of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights held on October 14, 1979.

Lisa Fenton, a volunteer staff member of the Wilde'n'Stein radio program for lesbians and gay men on KPFT, called for an anti-discrimination ordinance to be issued by Council.

"It's pretty sad when the people who are supposed to protect us, kill us," said Fenton.

None of the council members offered a resolution to pursue the issue.

At the conclusion of the lesbian and gay related speeches, almost half of the remaining audience left with the speakers.

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Community Voices

terminally ill

Dear Editor,

If an institution is terminally ill, such as the Catholic Church, why try to change it? The disease is too widespread already. The Catholic Church consists of a psychotic pope living in his fantasy world of diamonds and gold clothes, hierarchy upon hierarchy, discipline and rules that make the military seem loose, and an all-male, ultra-sexist structure. This IS Catholicism.

Options for intelligent people are to either leave the church or try to subvert it from within, but don't expect it to ever become progressive. Imagine subversive priests giving confession, and instead of telling people that they are dirty, the priests could tell fellow Catholics that the body is beautiful, that women are equal to men, that Gay is Great, that playing with oneself is healthy, and that LOVE is good.

Do you know that the Pope said not one word against the Nazis in World War II? He was too concerned with saving his jewelry collection. Do you really want to support such an institution?

Who gives the Pope his power? YOU do. Stop worrying about bishops, cardinals, and popes. Start being your own person. Why lick the boots of the patriarchy when you could be bringing it down.

Love,
Rita Terrell
San Francisco, CA

external homophobia internal racism

Dear People,

On October 16, Community Board #2 in Manhattan voted to recommend the placement of the George Segal statues 'Gay Pride' in Sheridan Square Park. Emotions at the meeting were intense. Arguments for and against the statues were plentiful. While homophobia was much in evidence, it was not at the root of all opposition to the statues as some claim.

There is a compelling concern that defeat for the statue's placement in the park would be a triumph for homophobia and a set-back for gay rights. At least as compelling, however, is whether the external reality of homophobia is sufficient cause in this instance to ignore an internal issue for our "community" — that these statues of two white women and two white men, proposed to symbolize gay liberation, perpetuate the traditional white chauvinism and invisibility of third world lesbians and gay men. This invisibility of third world gay people and issues has long confronted the gay struggle. We are as racially diverse as the larger society and this diversity contributes directly not only to our beauty as gay women and men, but to whatever strength we, in fact, have as a community.

Thus, while some of us strongly support a memorial to gay liberation in Sheridan Square — the site of the Stonewall Rebellion — we believe that because these particular statues affirm white chauvinism, they fail as a symbol of liberation for our community. The irony, of course, is that those whose indignation and dignity at Stonewall sparked a decade and more of gay struggle included third world as well as white gay folk.

It would be very easy to say "just this one more time" — an all-too-familiar litany regarding racism. However, these statues, once placed on that site, would no doubt become the pre-eminent national — if not international — memorial to gay liberation. This year's victory over homophobia would be followed by decades — if not centuries — memorializing white chauvinism. Would we, as a community of lesbians and gay men, give in to having two male figures symbolize gay liberation in order not to give homophobes their way? Is that sufficient cause to have our multi-racial community and struggle symbolized by figures of four whites?

The Community Board has recommended. Other city agencies must still act. But if sufficient concern exists in our community — and is expressed — it remains within the power of the Mariposa Foundation, the gay organization that commissioned the work, to withdraw these statues as inappropriate for the intended purpose and to seek a more appropriate symbol. While we have more pressing issues of racism to deal with, our community, in all its variations, should be heard from about the memorial. The decision of whether external homophobia takes precedence over internal racism is a decision that demands the input of many more than the handful of predominantly white, albeit well-intentioned, folks who are currently claiming to speak for us all in their effort to place these statues.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Moore
New York, NY

the choice is clear

Dear Editor:

We were women delegates to the 1980 Democratic National Convention pledged to Senator Kennedy. On November 4, we will be voting for President Carter.

President Carter has demonstrated his commitment to Equal Rights by supporting the Equal Rights Amendment, and appointing more women and minorities to the federal courts and to senior government positions than any other President in history.

President Carter has worked tirelessly to control the nuclear arms race and focused our foreign policy on eliminating human rights violations. He has aided in the peaceful resolution of international conflict through the Camp David accords. The choice between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter could not be more clear.

We are concerned that some Massachusetts women may be tempted to vote for John Anderson. In Massachusetts a vote for Anderson could mean a victory for Reagan. A Reagan victory would sabotage all our efforts to build a safer and more just society for ourselves, our children, and all the children of the world.

Because the choice is so clear, we, as former Kennedy women delegates, are now supporting and actively working for the reelection of President Carter. We urge all women and men to join us in voting for President Carter on November 4.

Sincerely yours,
Betty Taymor — Newton, MA
Sharon Pollard — Methuen, MA
Alice K. Wolf — Cambridge, MA
Irene Whitt — Boston, MA
Mary Ellen Preusser — Cambridge, MA
Alice Fitzgerald — Cambridge, MA
Judith Gilbert — Gardner, MA
Cynthia A. Kelly — Wellesley, MA
Patricia M. Chisholm — Everett, MA
plus 28 others

a good record

Dear Editor,

The lesbian/gay community in Texas has united in a concerted effort to promote the election of Jimmy Carter. The two largest organizations in Texas have endorsed the President. These are the Houston and Dallas Gay Political Caucuses. In addition, the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (delegates, alternates, and workers at the State Democratic Convention) unanimously endorsed Carter, after members of the Texas Carter campaign office were instrumental in allowing a potential plank for gay rights in the State party platform to be heard on the floor of the convention. The issue was heard, and a challenge to remove it failed. Now, in Texas we have a valuable lobbying tool for the upcoming legislative session.

We in Texas are united in voting for Carter because there is a clear and real choice: Carter or Reagan. One of them will be the next president. John Anderson won't win. Ed Clark won't win. Barry Commoner won't win. Either Jimmy Carter or Ronald Reagan will win.

Jimmy Carter's record on gay rights issues may not be as positive as we in the lesbian/gay community might wish. Nevertheless, it is a good record — one with the greatest number of positive actions on gay rights in history. Among these are: the Civil Service Reform Act, the FCC ruling, the Administration's backing of repeal of barring of homosexual aliens from visiting the United States, backing the gay civil rights plank in the Democratic National Platform, and the White House meeting with NGTF. Members of Carter's administration have established a dialogue with members of national gay organizations.

Just imagine the kinds of communications and support the lesbian/gay organizations would receive from a Reagan administration. Do you think Reagan, supported by right-wing religious fundamentalists, would allow a White House meeting with NGTF? What if the federal gay civil rights bill passes Congress during the next four years? Do you think "President" Ronald Reagan would sign it? How many gay civil rights cases would be heard in the decades ahead by Reagan-appointed federal judges? Reagan has publicly opposed the ERA and "questions" the theory of evolution. What kind of persons would Reagan appoint to the Supreme Court?

We in the lesbian/gay communities across the country must unite in support of Jimmy Carter on November 4. That support is particularly important in the "toss-up" states, and there are many. The future of the gay rights movement for the next several decades may well rest on the outcome.

Louise Young
Dallas, TX

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swp

Dear GCN:

As former members of the Socialist Workers Party and/or its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, we were quite interested in David Morris' interview with Andrew Pulley, the party's 1980 presidential candidate (GCN, Vol. 8, No. 14).

Pulley tries to project himself and his party as strong fighters for lesbian/gay rights. He puts himself forward as the alternative candidate for the growing number of lesbians and gays who reject the Democratic and Republican shell game. Yet, as former members of this political tendency, we know the SWP's *real attitude* towards gay liberation is quite different from its *public posture*.

In theory, Pulley notes the rise of right wing organizations such as Moral Majority, and the need to fight such neanderthal formations. *In practice*, however, the SWP has lined up with bigots such as Anita Bryant and Jerry Falwell in support of reactionary age of consent laws. The party apparently thinks there might be something to the charge that we gays are "child molesters."

In theory, Pulley claims to support full civil and human rights for lesbians and gays. *In practice*, the SWP not only opposed, but attempted to sabotage, last October's civil rights march on Washington.

In theory, Pulley calls upon organized labor to fight against all forms of discrimination and prejudice, including bigotry against gays. *In practice*, the SWP capitulates to the most backward sectors of the working class. They claim, for example, that coming out is just a "personal" and *not* a "political" decision. Also, as part of a heterosexist effort to make themselves more "appealing" to industrial workers, the party recently forced the resignation of their only transsexual member for "violating" their absurd anti-cross dressing rule. In public, the SWP hides their real position that gay liberation is "peripheral" to the class struggle.

Anyone interested in getting a view of the party's real attitude toward lesbian/gay liberation should check out an article entitled "The Class Struggle Road to Winning Gay Rights," coauthored by Pulley's running mate, Matilde Zimmermann, which appeared in the April 13, 1979 issue of the Party newspaper, the *Militant*. (A soon-to-be published anthology of internal SWP debates on gay liberation will make Pulley's hypocrisy even more clear).

Pulley and his party claim to support "international struggles for liberation." Yet they have continually downplayed the extent of homophobia and persecution of homosexuals in Cuba. While the SWP is willing to debate the KKK in California under the cover of "free speech," they have nothing to say about free speech and a free speech for Cuban gays. While they pay lip-service for the need to organize a movement for lesbian and gay rights in the USA, they ignore the fact that gays are forbidden to organize such a movement in Cuba.

The SWP may present themselves as supporters of lesbian/gay liberation. This year, however, one has to use a magnifying glass to see our struggle even mentioned in their campaign literature or press.

Talk is cheap. The SWP's *actions* show that they are not allies to the struggle for lesbian/gay liberation in the USA, in Cuba, or anywhere else.

Yours in struggle,
Steve Forgione
Art Gursch
Kurt Hill
Wayne Sunday
David Thorstad
New York, NY

bambi lives

Dear GCN,

My friend Patrick has just returned from San Francisco with the following hot gay trend. First we did disco, then we roller skated, and now . . . now we're about to lead straight folk back to cuddling.

Yes, Patrick tells me that all the gay shops in SF sell little 3-inch-high teddy bears. And if you like to be cuddled, you wear one in your *right* rear pocket, and if you like to cuddle *other* people, you wear on in your *left* rear pocket. (Or is it the other way around? God, I hope we don't have that old east coast/west coast disagreement again . . .)

It's true! I swear to God.

But it's not true — yet — that they have "cuddle bars," with padded rooms and over-stuffed fake-fur-upholstered love seats for people to meet the cuddler of their dreams and take them home. Nor do they yet have "cuddle discos" where they only play slow songs for people to dance to. Nor "cuddle boutiques," where the big-ticket items are furs (fake — let's not endanger any species). Maybe we can even look forward to the leather set getting into furry jocks!

You know, gay and male used to mean "effeminate." Recently, the clone image has caused it to mean "hard." Now we seem to be moving on to "cuddly." Isn't it about time?

Insincerely yours,
Charles Bonnell
Baltimore, MD

Speaking Out

Vote, Vote, Vote

By Nancy Walker

Sometimes it is necessary to choose among fools, to elect the individual who will prove least hideous in office. I have had crazy discussions with friends I respect and admire about the coming presidential election. I must admit, my mind has been made up since day one, whenever that might have been.

Though I will be the first to agree that he is an intellectual lightweight, lacking in charm, and possessing the most uninteresting speech patterns, I will also be the first to get on line to vote for Jimmy Carter. Not because I particularly like him — I don't; I just can't bear even thinking about the alternative — Reagan.

Anderson was never a candidate to be taken seriously. It has appalled me to find that so many of my friends were contemplating voting for him. They should have known that he didn't and doesn't have a chance of winning. The third party candidate in 1968 served only one purpose — to get Nixon elected. Anderson's presence in the 1980 election will serve only to leech votes away from Carter and give the country what will surely prove to be the worst, right-wing president we have ever had.

I do not want to go too deeply into the reasons why I believe John Anderson to be unsavory. He knows that his candidacy will cause great difficulty for Carter and little or none for Reagan, and if he cared about the good of the country, he would have quit long ago. Be that as it may, there is one thing I would like to stress for those of you who think he is deserving of your vote: John Anderson's record is conservative. Just look it up and see how he voted on what issues in the past.

I could never understand why anyone would back a loser, and ever since Dukakis lost the nomination for governor of Massachusetts (largely as a result of ultra-liberals voting for a whole host of supposedly liberal candidates who didn't stand a chance of winning) I have been very hard-nosed about politics.

I wouldn't vote for my best friend if he/she didn't have a chance of winning. I would vote for the next best candidate whose platform or record or party offered the most hope or the least horror. And that is all I am trying to urge you to do.

First, you must understand that not voting is the worst thing you can do. Nothing has ever been improved by people who sat on their hands and refused to act. Secondly, no matter how much you love or admire some independant candidate (there are a number of them besides Anderson) you will be throwing away your vote if you cast it for anyone other than the Republican or Democratic party nominee. That may seem unfair. It may even be unfair. But what choices do we have?

I understand that it is frustrating to vote for a Born-Again Christian if you are an atheist. I am very uneasy about some of the things Carter has done, some of the boners he has pulled, but I don't think he is a madman who will get us into war, which Reagan might well do.

Carter is a bungler and everyone is fed up with the economic situation, the foreign situation, you name it. That feeling of dissatisfaction with the current state of affairs alone

is enough to propel unthinking, angry individuals toward whatever else offers itself, so long as it is different from the present administration.

The desire for change might suffice for straight, white, well-off individuals, particularly male individuals. But even those of us gays and/or women who feel outraged by Carter must see, having understood that Anderson cannot win, that not voting for Carter leaves us with Reagan whose platform is anti-ERA, and anti-abortion, and who has the support of such rabid organizations as the Ku Klux Klan.

The election, from all present indications, is going to be a very close one, so close that mere handfuls of votes in certain precincts could sway their respective states to one candidate or the other. It is therefore essential that all of us vote. Throwing up our hands and saying "What difference will it make if I vote or don't vote? Besides all the candidates stink," will serve only to help Reagan get elected, and he is a real threat to our movement.

My assumption is, of course, that anyone who reads *GCN* has some serious commitment to living as free and happy a life as possible, either as a closeted or openly gay person. I assume also that gay men as well as lesbians for the most part would like to see the ERA passed. Carter has promised continuing support for the amendment. Thirty-nine of the forty-four female federal judges were appointed by Carter.

There is a gay rights plank in the Democratic party platform — a political "first" and one for which gays have been working for many, many years. Though cynics will leap to their feet and shout that when a candidate wins, the first thing he does is burn the party platform, I would reply that the gay rights plank definitely gives us a strong foundation for future negotiations with a Carter administration.

Reagan would laugh us off and throw us out, not even bothering to pretend to be fair. We would, in short, have no leverage at all with a Reagan administration.

I am not saying all this because I think many of you intend to vote for Reagan. I am telling you this because I fear you will either not vote, or vote for Anderson. Those possibilities have prompted me to repeat myself like a broken record. Vote, vote, vote.

If you give a damn about gay rights or women's rights, or the rights of workers or third world people, vote for Jimmy Carter on November 4. Otherwise a grade "Z" movie star who has publicly declared that trees are a major cause of air pollution will begin administering a four-year nightmare in Washington in January of 1981. Remember, it will be 1984 before the next presidential term is over . . .

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Community Voices

toxic shock

Folks at *GCN*,

I was in general pleased with the thoroughness and clarity of Jil Clark's article on Toxic Shock Syndrome, however, I felt it fell short by leaving womyn with a limited understanding of biology and chemistry any straightforward recommendations to follow.

I am not a doctor, only an herbalist with training in biology and nutrition but I would like to make and/or reiterate the following common sense suggestions:

1. Do not leave tampons or sponges in for more than six hours at a time.

2. Do you really need anything at night? Using a sanitary napkin or just sleeping on an old towel is much healthier. It's like wearing cotton panties to avoid vaginitis; your vagina needs to breathe sometimes.

3. *Clean* that sponge. Beware of slimies. And *dry* it in between periods. Keep it in the open air, not a plastic bag, where the same kind of bacteria may grow. A little cloth bag will keep it clean, but let air in. (Air, by the way, does not necessarily kill anerobic bacteria, but they certainly cannot multiply in its presence.)

4. Avoid those brands of tampons known to contain polymer materials. The sharp fibers may be responsible for those little ulcers mentioned (ulcer is a fancy word for an irritated cut) and that may be the entry point for the bacteria.

Beware of sponges with coarse and rough spots, as well as your fingernails.

5. Take care of your health in general; sleep, eat right, etc., and make sure you get enough vitamin A in your diet. (Deficiencies are very common.) Vitamin A is essential to the protective lining/sloughing system which coats the uterus, vagina and other internal membranes. We need not return to the anti-germ fanaticism of the '50s; a little common sense and conscious attempts to respect and listen to our bodies' cycles and signals will take care of a lot . . . but . . .

6. If you experience the symptoms, even just some of them (fever, diarrhea, vomiting, dizzy, light head, flushing or rash and/or irritation of the vagina) go to a doctor, clinic or hospital *immediately*. Toxic shock kills fast and the medicine needs time to take effect.

7. Complain to your congresspersons about FDA regulations on "devices." Those that allow tampons to go untested are the same sloppy regulations that allowed too many womyn to die from similar infections (different germ, same fuck up) from untested IUDs designed by men ignorant of the uterus' protective processes. We have been victimized by the profit making industries again.

Fight back!
Anni Waterflow
Dorchester, MA

a victory ignored

Dear Editor,

I have made several attempts over the last two months to bring to the attention of the gay press the fact that a gay woman has been awarded \$115,000 in damages by a school district in Pennsylvania for being fired from a teaching job. The woman's gayness was apparently the crucial factor in her being fired eight years ago.

GCN was one paper I contacted, by long distance telephone call, but my tip, which at the time was a "scoop," was never followed up.

The woman who was awarded the \$115,000 is the owner and publisher of *The Wishing Well*, a contact magazine for gay women which advertises in *GCN*. The school district which was recently forced to pay \$115,000 is the Belefonte Pennsylvania school district (in central Pennsylvania, I believe).

Laddie Hosler, the woman who won the settlement, has stated to me that she would like to speak to the gay press and would like to appear on television to tell about her eight-year legal battle. However, the gay press and gay organizations are literally ignoring the case.

Laddie has had a difficult battle, as the details of her romantic involvements were broadcast in the courtroom and in the local newspapers. After the final award, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania refused to hear the case, so the decision of the lower court held.

I hope that responsible representatives of the gay press and gay organizations who read this will be interested in contacting Laddie for more information at the following address:

Laddie Hosler
c/o The Wishing Well
Box 664
Novato, CA 94948
Marjorie Morgan
Philadelphia, PA

true decadence

Dear Editor,

If Mr. Borawski had dropped into the middle of his review about Ms. Midler's new movie — at about the time he was praising of her handling the stories of Jews in post-war Germany — the fact that Ms. Midler had in the past asked and received South African Kruggerands for a previous European tour, he need not have gone any further in explaining how divinely mad, *and* decadent, Ms. M's new movie, and indeed, Ms. M. herself truly are.

Bill Monaghan
New York, NY

dealing with anti-semitism

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

The recent terrorist atrocities suffered by French Jews should not be ignored by lesbians and gay men in America. As a vulnerable minority group, the gay community needs to be concerned with the civil rights struggles of all minorities.

Unfortunately, the blight of anti-semitism not only exists in the gay community, but, to the best of my knowledge, has never been discussed or exposed by this publication or any other serving the lesbian and gay populace. The subject of anti-semitism in the gay community was discussed and a workshop topic at the International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews in San Francisco this year, however.

Anti-semitism has manifested itself in both subtle and blatant ways in the gay community. There has been everything from a neo-Nazi group and publication to gay organizations which disregard Jewish High Holy Days and hold important community events on them. I also believe that some of the totally inaccurate and unfounded attacks on Israel are rooted in a hatred of the Jews.

I deeply appreciate the letter by Ms. Ilana Weinstock of Netanya, Israel, describing gay life in her country. Ms. Weinstock noted that she had never heard of a person ever being arrested for homosexuality. Perhaps Ms. Weinstock is not aware that not a single person has ever been arrested for a consensual homosexual act in the entire history of the State of Israel because of an Israeli Supreme Court ruling by Justice Chaim Cohn shortly after the birth of Israel. A British Mandate law is still technically on the books against homosexual acts, but this is because Israel has not yet implemented her own penal code.

I believe the gay community has begun to deal with the issues of sexism, racism, ageism, etc. It is time for the issue of anti-semitism to be dealt with.

In Gay Unity & Liberation,
Mark N. Silber
Hollywood, FL

Reminder Bylines/Datelines

In August 1979, in response to suggestions from our readers, we developed the following policy: datelines appear in all news stories to identify immediately the location of a news event. Bylines (such as "By Lisa Nussbaum") indicate that the writer filed the story from the city in which it took place. In the case that the story is written in a city other than the one indicated by the dateline, we use the words "Compiled by."

anti-christ

Dear Editor,

I nearly retched when I opened last week's edition of *GCN* and read that piece of garbage entitled "Biography of a Gay Priest." Why do you print such drivel when there are so many more vital issues to be considered?

Whatever trauma these so-called gay christians endure should not be of any concern to the gay movement. They create their own misery by trying to reconcile their sexuality with a religious system that is inherently hostile to all forms of eroticism. I have seen the analogy mentioned before in these pages and find it highly appropriate: a gay christian is not unlike a Jewish Nazi.

In view of the growing fundamentalist backlash in this country calling for a return to biblical morality, I have reached the conclusion that all christians should be purged from the gay movement. Frankly, I would sooner make common cause with the advocates of sado-masochism than with gay christians. But what am I saying! *The christian religion is itself the ritualization of sado-masochism par excellence, the god on the cross the most gruesome sado-masochistic symbol ever conceived by the mind of man.* Too long the earth has been a madhouse!

I have long been of the opinion that the gay movement can create other forms of spirituality instead of trying to reconcile itself with the slavish worship of that idiotic nazarene. Ideally, a new order of sexuality should bring with it a new order of gods. Am I understood? In the spirit of Anti-Christ let me cite these thundering lines from Wallace Stevens' great watershed poem "Sunday Morning" as a true beacon and prophecy of the New World:

Supple and turbulent, a ring of men
Shall chant in orgy on a summer morn
Their boisterous devotion to the sun,
Not as a god, but as a god might be,
Naked among them, like a savage source.
Their chant shall be a chant of paradise,
Out of their blood, returning to the sky;
And in their chant shall enter, voice by voice,
The windy lake wherein their lord delights,
The trees, like serafin, and echoing hills,
That choir among themselves long afterward.
They shall know well the heavenly fellowship
Of men that perish and of summer morn.
And whence they came and whither they shall go
The dew upon their feet shall manifest.

Charles Stone
Hanover, NH

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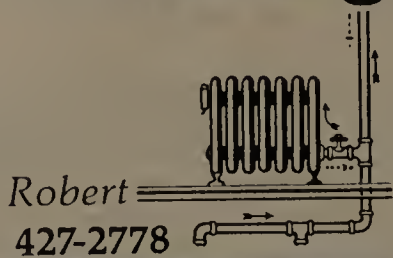
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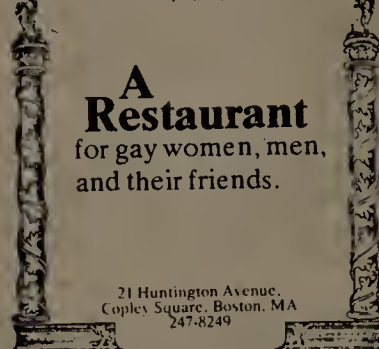
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Navy

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ments the Navy has apparently used is that you can't have gays because they go out on ships for long periods of time. But the decision was so negative that I doubt that even that would be enough to distinguish [the Navy] from the other services."

Hitchens commented, "What we're faced with at this point are some very conflicting opinions out of the courts. The Matlovich case definitely conflicts with this case." A federal judge ruled in September in the case of Leonard Matlovich that Air Force regulations pertaining to discharges for gay sexual activity were unconstitutional vague (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 9). In that case, two different courts ordered the Air Force to clarify its regulations by explaining the "unusual circumstances" under which, according to earlier Air Force statements, lesbians and gay men could be allowed to remain in the service. It was their failure to do so that resulted in the ruling against the Air Force.

An Army spokesman at the multi-service Defense Language Institute said of the investigation there, "The Naval Investigative Service and any other investigative service are continually on the lookout for drugs and this kind of stuff. It's not like it's a witch-hunt." He told *GCN* that two of the 14 sailors had themselves told their commanding officers of their "homosexual tendencies."

Of the other 12, the official told *GCN*, "There is a gay bar in town. Maybe they were being surveilled in there or something like that."

The official claimed that in the specific case of Naval Security Group sailors, "They leave here going to very high security jobs, intelligence jobs. We just cannot have any type of situation in any person's past or present that could cause them to have to divulge information. . . . That's why they're discharged. That's our concern."

The Naval Security Group is involved in electronic spying operations.

The Army official added that in any case Department of Defense policy "requires prompt separation of homosexuals from military service."

He said the nature of the discharges will be decided by the Chief of Naval Military Personnel in Washington, DC, but that usually such discharges are honorable or general, depending on past service. No criminal charges have been filed against any of the 14 Monterey sailors.

Bachrach

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legislation in Massachusetts will be met by a veto. "The ineptness of the King administration is abundantly clear," Bachrach said. "He's taking us down the wrong path on social issues, plus he's costing us money."

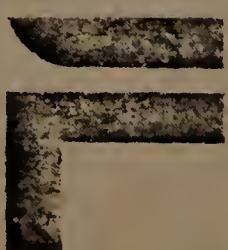
GCN also questioned Bachrach on the Bird Sanctuary, a gay male cruising area by the Charles River which lies within the senatorial district. The park is a part of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) land and has been the site of periodic arrests and entrapment of gay men.

Bachrach told *GCN* that he would "be very responsive to these busts." He went on to say, "I'm very much against selective enforcement of laws. The MDC police should be disbanded. I think it's outrageous to have directed enforcement of certain laws. I have no trouble being way upfront in support of gay people."

Bachrach's race against McCann has been building, but it still appears to be an uphill fight. While most people believe it will be a close race, the support of specific blocks of votes within the district can decide the race.

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of the court, the IRS did not use the regulation to discriminate against an organization which it knows, or suspects to be, lesbian-feminist.

The court of appeals disagreed with some of these conclusions, saying that the "full and fair exposition" test, embodied in the U.S. Treasury's definition of "educational," lacks clarity — both in explaining what applicant organizations are subject to the standard and in articulating the standard's requirements.

Only an organization that advocates a particular position or viewpoint must meet the "full and fair exposition" requirement, but, the high court said, it is difficult to determine what organizations "advocate a particular position or viewpoint."

The court criticized the IRS for having, over the years, equated "advocates a particular position" to "controversial." The court said that this interpretation violates the First Amendment, since it supplies IRS officials with no objective standard by which to determine which applicant organizations are advocacy groups and leaves the officials with nothing but their subjective notions of what is "controversial" to rely on.

The high court said the Treasury's interpretation of "full and fair exposition" is also imprecise. The district court had found the Treasury regulation "capable of objective application" because "it asks only whether the facts underlying the conclusions are stated." However, the high court responded, the regulation offers no definition of "fact" and no rule specifying the number of facts which must back up any conclusion.

Harris Weinstein, attorney for BMR, Inc., told *GCN* that, if the government wants to pursue the case, it must file a petition this week for a rehearing before the Federal Court of Appeals. Such a hearing would most likely be "en banc" — held before all eleven judges on the Court of Appeals. (The recent Court of Appeals decision was made by a panel of three of these eleven judges.) Otherwise, the government may choose to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Weinstein and other attorneys associated with the case declined to comment on the significance of the court's ruling until after the government has made its next move.

Valeska

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"It [the memo] is outlandish," Valeska told *GCN*. "On the other hand, we think it's important for people to think about the ramifications of the Right getting into power. These are, I think, realistic possibilities."

Wechter told listeners that in order to prevent Reagan from being elected, they should be "pragmatic" and vote for Carter. He pointed out that if elected, Reagan would have the power to appoint right-wing justices to the Supreme Court, whose influence would be felt long after Reagan's four-year Presidential term was ended.

"The truth is," Wechter said, "that voting for [independent candidate John] Anderson will take votes from Carter, not Reagan." He said that pulling the lever for Carter on November 4 does not mean that a voter must be unequivocally behind him, but simply that the voter knows the Reagan threat.

Wechter also said that for the first time, an attempt will be made to tabulate the lesbian and gay vote in the 1980 election. He said that heavily gay and lesbian districts around the country will be counted and their tallies will be sent to a central office

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Bring Out THE CLOWNS

By Warren Blumenfeld

When I was a child living north of New York City, my parents often took my sister and me to the old Polo Grounds to see the circus. I loved to go because it allowed me to leave the familiarity of my neighborhood and enter a world of pure fantasy and delight.

The act I liked best was the aerialists swinging high above the floor on the trapeze. Though I'm afraid of heights, I often wondered how nice it would be to soar through the air as they did (to this day I still have flying dreams).

I was often confused by the cotton candy at the circus; it looked like so much on the stick, but it went quickly as I ate it and I wasn't stuffed when it was all gone. It left plenty of room in my stomach for peanuts.

Whenever I went to the circus, I always thought about how exciting it would be to run away from home and join up; so when a member of the Ringling Brothers Circus publicity department recently called me at the GCN office asking me if I would like to conduct an interview with a gay clown, I jumped at the chance.

My excitement filtered through the office. Soon Maida Tilchen, GCN Promotions Manager, asked if she could attend the interview with her friend Fran Koski who was visiting her from Indiana. Then I called staff photographer Michael Thompson to come and take pictures.

The next day the four of us walked the short distance to the Boston Garden where the circus was performing. We entered the Garden and went to the fourth floor. On our way to the press room, we passed a half dozen elephants, circus wagons and people dressed in bright sequinned costumes. We also saw many clowns until we were introduced to "our" clown, Gary White. He was waiting for us dressed in full costume and makeup. We introduced ourselves, then found a quiet place to talk.

What follows is our interview with Gary; so go pop some pop corn and sit back and come with us for a backstage (back-ring) look at the circus given from the perspective of a gay clown.

Warren Ringling Brothers called me at the GCN office and asked me if I wanted to interview a gay clown.

Gary Well, I'm a clown and a gay person. That makes a difference 'cause when you're in makeup, you are more of a cartoon than anything else. And so, we have a lot of people who are doing drag who aren't gay. I'm more of a tramp character because I have a moustache, but we have some clowns, like white-face clowns that you really can't tell what sex they are. We have a few women clowns and we have some clowns who are definitely men and we have some clowns in between because of their makeup.

Maida You're doing this interview with us, which went through the circus public relations, how did it come about?

Gary I don't know how it came about, but this is the first time it has ever been done and I don't know what the result is going to be. It was given to me and I told them that I was going to be honest. So I am doing my best.

Maida You approached the circus and told them that you would be willing to do it?

Gary No, I was approached yesterday and they said to me, "Would you do an interview" and I said, "yes." And they said, "Would you be willing to have pictures taken" and I said "yes" and it was handed to me and that was all that was said. They handed me a slip of paper today and there was written on it "Gay Community News." So once I read it I said I would be honest.

Maida You knew that they knew about you?

Gary Oh yeah. I've talked to the management before.

Maida Did that make you feel good, like they were really supporting you?

Gary To tell you the truth, I was a little nervous about the interview. There are not that many people around here who would really speak up about their private lives that much. I was once put into a situation where I was provoked to take a stand. So I did. So I guess I was fingered and I'm obvious to a lot of people.

Fran What was the situation?

Gary It was something really personal that happened. I took off from the circus because of my lover. When I came back, I said that that was why I left.

Maida Where do you come from?

Gary Florida. Raised in Philadelphia for 12 years then my family moved to Florida.

Warren What got you interested in this area?

Gary I needed a job. I graduated from a community college in Florida. My car was stolen and I needed a job. I had friends who were clowns at Circus World [an amusement park owned by Ringling Brothers] and they talked me into becoming a clown and I must say that before I became a clown, I didn't notice clowns at all. I didn't think they were funny. Clowns now don't make me laugh, but I can appreciate the beauty of their movement.

Warren I've heard that there are a lot of gay men and lesbians in Clown College. Is that true?

Gary Well, I went to Clown college class of '76. Well, I can't say. To tell you the truth, I didn't know if there were any lesbians there or not. As for gay men, I was there and everyone is really on their toes there. The gay thing is not really out in the open in Clown College because you are new there and want to be accepted. So, you really don't get that personal to let yourself that open. There are some people who come there who are really real and it is very obvious that they are gay, but as far as how many gay men and lesbians there are, I really wouldn't know.

Warren What is it like being gay and a part of the circus? Are you getting any reactions from the other workers around you?

Gary Oh yes, it's just like being in the army. I was in the army for three years. You have some people who accept you for doing a good job and you have some people who hate you for being gay. You have some people who really like you because you are gay and some of these people really accept you.

Maida Do you ever get the argument that people use for not having people in the army that since you have to change clothes in close quarters, it is not fair to have a gay person around?

Gary No. I never heard that argument in the army. I was in the army band. We each had our own separate rooms so I was never put into that situation. That's why I can say it (the circus) is very much like the army because that was the entertainment department of the army, so I was really never exposed to the harsh prejudice against gays. So I've lived the happy gay life. (Laughter)

Warren Do you find yourself hanging around with the other gay people in the circus more than with the straight people?

Gary Oh, definitely, because we have something in common. Something like that is strong enough to keep you together.

Warren And are there are a lot of gay people in the circus who don't feel strong enough to come out openly to the other members?

Gary Like I said before, It is the same situation like in the outside world and in the army. A lot of people come here and stay in the closet the whole time. Some people come here and come out right away. I think I've been out all my life. I didn't know any other world.

Warren Are there any lesbian clowns in the show?

Gary I can honestly say, no.

Fran How do you see the next few years or the rest of your life?

Gary Not as being a clown. This is my first form of entertainment other than music so I'm enjoying doing it now, but it's like going to a party, because it's a party out there on the floor. Also, it's something that you take seriously because it's a job and you are making money and you are putting out all your effort to do your best. But as for making your career, I don't know. We have a large turn-over rate. To Clown College, we have more than 3,000 applicants a year. They accept 50 a year, so there is a constant

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change. We have had a clown who has been here for 35 years. We have another clown with the company who has been here 57 years. After 35, the next highest clown who has been with the show has been here seven years and I think the numbers get lower and lower. The life span of a clown, now since Clown College has started, is four years. This is my fourth year.

Warren You must do a lot of traveling with the circus. How do you meet other gay people in a strange town?

Gary I go to a book store. I ask people where the bars are. I go to a bath house when I feel like doing that. It's easy meeting people there. If I see somebody who I think might be gay, I will talk to them. If they are, I'll ask them where is the place to go. If I like them, I'll flirt. (Laughter)

Michael As a gay person and a person who is in a circus that is traveling around a lot, how does that affect your life? Do you get to stay in any one place and how much of the year are you traveling? How does that affect your personal relationships?

Gary Well, we are on the road from anywhere from ten to eleven months a year. My first year in the show I met a certain fellow and we have been together ever since. We haven't lived this year together on the road, but we have lived together the past three years. He is on a carnival right now. As a matter of fact, I'm expecting him to be coming any time in the next few weeks because their season is supposed to be over. As for advantage or disadvantage of this, for gay circus people as opposed to heterosexual circus people, it's about the same. Sometimes it gets really lonely. We can meet someone and fall in love. Sometimes people leave the show if it is a real head-over-heels love or the lover can join the show. In a gay situation, people seem to be a lot more open as for meeting each other, I think, and they are willing to accept one night stands a lot of times.

Maida Will the circus give your lover the same privileges as they would a wife or a husband?

Gary No, not at all. It is the same situation as on the outside world. There is prejudice.



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If a man and a woman were to be married in the show, they would get a large room to live in. In a situation like mine, my lover and I couldn't live together in the stateroom simply because we aren't married legally. I can say that and there is no way for us to get married and there is no way to get a room. Maida Is that the same for straight couples who aren't married?

Gary Oh yeah. You have to be here for a while in order to get a room, usually three years. This is my fourth year. If I were to marry a woman, most likely I would get a stateroom and be able to settle down. But if I would have a guy with me, that wouldn't make any difference at all. They would count me as myself and him not really as a part of my life.

Maida Am I right in assuming that the circus is trying to do outreach to gay audiences? I've noticed that they have been advertising gay nights all over the country.

Gary Yes. I don't know what started that. The first time we did that was in San Francisco. We had a really big turnout for that. So I guess they are continuing that to get the crowd, to get the money.

Warren I know that each clown has a different face and costume; does your face have any representation for you or any symbolism and how did you come to pick the distinctive face that you have?

Gary The face I have now — I started clowning in Circus World before I went to Clown College. I had a makeup before the one that I have now. Because I'm black, I had a hard time choosing a makeup that would suit my skin so I had a makeup that by the middle or end of the day starting looking gross and nasty because of the way the colors were starting to mix. So I took three days off, locked myself up in my

apartment and came up with this. I worked my moustache in because I like having a moustache. I was told to shave it and I shaved it and grew it right back and no one has said anything about it. A moustache gives me a character — makes me a character clown instead of a definite Auguste (red or flesh tones), white-face or tramp.

Warren You were talking a little while ago about your clown makeup and costume being "drag." In what way do you consider this is to be so?

Gary No, not my costume. Drag costumes are when you have big breasts and asses.

Warren So you are talking about a male clown representing a woman?

Gary Yes, it seems to be a lot funnier when a male clown plays a female, because it usually is very obvious that it is a guy doing the women's parts. That's funny in itself a lot of times. They wear the big breasts and the big ass and can take falls. They can do a lot of acrobatic things. We have some female clowns here who are acrobatic too, but it seems to me, and a lot of the older clowns say, that it is usually funny when a male plays drag in the show because of the cartoon situation and because of the way the body is built.

Warren What does your act include?

Gary In my act, I play drums and sometimes substitute for the drumming here in the show. Whenever the drummer in the band is out, I take his place.

In the clown gag, we do a marching band situation — I play drums for that. Then I come back out and do an explosion gag where I sit on a dynamite box and we do this whole routine where we wind up blowing me up. I drop my pants and I have holes in my drawers. Then we do a production number dancing around changing from place to place. I hold a web for the aerial ballet we do here. I hold a long rope and the women hang from it. I have to hold it steady. After that, I play a big rabbit in the spectacle number. The rabbit is about a foot taller than myself. It makes me look about 6 foot 7. I'm really animated and I really enjoy doing that. Nobody knows who I am so I give it something extra, I guess. After that, I do an illusion which really shows my style of clowning more than any other 'cause I get to move really rigid and fast and I get knocked down a lot and after that I do a walk around with my partner Victor. I play a fat man and I am carrying around a long string of hot dogs and I'm eating them. Then there is the finale.

Warren Does your gayness have anything to do with you wanting to get into being a clown?

Gary I like putting on the makeup and getting pretty. It makes me feel good. I'm a pretty clown by a lot of people's terms because I wear mascara and sometimes I wear rhinestones because my makeup is so neat. We have a lot of clowns who whip on the makeup in five minutes. I take my time and do a good job every day, so I think that stems from my gayness — being neat with my makeup.

I'm a cute clown lots of times instead of being funny. I think that comes from my gayness also.

Warren Is there any machismo in your movements?

Gary Yeah, but the straights do that also. As far as femininity, straight clowns do the same thing.

Warren Do you think that as far as straight male clowns go, this is an opportunity for them to live out some of their fantasies?

Gary Well, when we are in makeup we can do almost anything we want and get away with it. I go through a lot of changes during the day. When I'm in the rabbit costume, for some reason, I feel really really butch. For some reason I do. I can feel my walk shifting from side to side and I feel strong and heavy and butch.

Let me see, when do I feel the lightest? I don't do anything this year that makes me feel real light. Last year I did a dancing number. I felt like a Fairy. I felt like I was flying all the time. I felt really dainty. So, these feelings change all the time. We can let out any emotion we want and add something funny and we can get by with it.

Warren Do you ever like to dress up when you are out of costume?

Gary Going to parties? Yeah. I like the *Rocky Horror* type thing. I like to put on something weird at times. But, as for regular street wear, not really. Essentially I'm a shy person.

Warren Do you think being in costume is a way to transcend some of the shyness?

Gary Oh yes, it is for everyone. Like they told us in Clown College, they said during rehearsals a lot of people can't rehearse unless they have the makeup on. They simply put on a nose without the makeup and they can do a lot more than without the nose. When I rehearse I like to wear gloves all the time. It makes me feel like I'm wearing something. It makes me feel like I'm covered up and so I get crazy.

Maida Do you ever try to spot gay people in the audience?

Gary Oh yeah. Just like the straight men spot pretty women. I like to look at a nice looking man, whether he is gay or not.

Warren Do you find yourself playing to him some-

times?

Gary Oh yeah. I find myself playing to him, I find myself playing to pretty women. As a matter of fact, I play to anybody who shows interest. I'm not really a child's clown, to tell you the truth.

Warren What kind of clown are you?

Gary I appeal more to adults more than anything else. If I see a child who is particularly interested, I'll go out of my way to do something special for them.

But, it seems to me that I get more of a response from adults than from children. Why, I don't know.

Warren Do you think that the circus has lost some of its charm over the last few years?

Gary The circus is changing. It's more [Las] Vegas than anything else. But there are many circuses in the United States and some are in tents so they have the atmosphere that you had 100 years ago. But this show is definitely changing.

Warren Is there a town that you like playing the best?

Gary There are cities that I enjoy more than others. Seattle, Washington seems to be the most pleasant city that I have been in and I had a very nice time there. As for other towns, I like playing southern towns more than northern towns. They seem to appreciate me more.

Warren Why is that?

Gary I don't know. Maybe because they are more open — not embarrassed to yell or scream.

Warren Do you find northerners more restrained?

Gary Yeah, a lot of time I do. A lot of times they seem to be that way.

Warren Maybe we all could put on clown costumes to help us get out of our shyness.

Gary I'll tell you, we did the gay show in San Francisco. I don't know whether it was the costumes that they wore (a lot of people in the audience came in costumes and makeup) but that was the loudest show — the most response that we ever got before. I mean, there was screaming, yelling, clapping and it made everybody feel really good.

There were some performers who didn't want to perform for that show simply because they were prejudiced.

Warren What were some of the reasons they gave or were they open about their prejudices?

Gary They really didn't give any reasons. Like one guy who works with his two sons in the show said that he didn't want his sons working that show. He had women working with him that night. And he didn't explain himself. I guess he didn't feel like he had to.

Michael Since you have had gay nights since, have those things been resolved?

Gary That's the only time he's done that. He's dealing with it better now. That was a completely gay night that we had in San Francisco. We haven't had any completely gay nights since then.

Warren I know that in Boston, gay night was the 22nd of October.

Gary Just one section was sold out to the gay community that night.

Warren Has any reactions come up around that?

Gary Oh no, it's pretty much mentioned, that's about all. But it is always mentioned, though nothing is said nasty about it.

Maida In your travels, have you ever had older people tell you about what it was like being gay in the circus?

Gary No, as a matter of fact I've been asking some



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of the older clowns about the gays because I thought that maybe they might have been wilder in the old days when they didn't have other restrictions that we have now as far as the living conditions and they said "no."

Maida So there have always been gay clowns, but it has always been about the same situation?

Gary Yeah. It has always been about the same situation that I knew of, but the older clown doesn't talk that much to me.

There are lots of people around here joking with me telling me that I have two strikes against me. One that I'm gay and another one that I'm black. There are a lot of older circus people that are prejudiced toward blacks. There are not that many blacks in circuses around the United States. We're just starting to come in so I'm fighting two things at one time.

Warren Do you find that a lot of the oppression stems from the same source — gay oppression and black oppression — or is there one that you feel more than the other?

Gary Gay oppression more than black oppression because of the way that civil rights has been so far and there is not that much difference in the racial situation now, but it is still felt a bit. As for being gay, that is going to be felt for a very long time.

Maida I'm sure that there are people who treat you differently when you are in your clown outfit and when you are not, but do you ever feel that, as a black person, they treat you differently because they see you in this role as a clown?

Gary I have some people that don't acknowledge me at all out of makeup. Everybody knows who I am in the rabbit costume and I have some people that don't acknowledge me at all in makeup or out but in the rabbit costume they still know who I am and they are all smiles and approach me — maybe because they can't see my face. They know who I am because we have rehearsals and they see me all the time.

Warren Have you ever been asked to do white face?

Gary (Laughter) I've been seriously considering doing a white face but I've been told by many many clowns that a black person can't really do a white face properly simply because it would take too much makeup to cover and by the end of the day it would crack and look really really sloppy. But a lot of times I feel like a white-faced clown and I think I should be white face.

Warren What is the difference?

Gary Because like I said earlier, a white face you can't tell a lot of times whether it is a male or a female. When I'm feeling really cute, I get thrown off because sometimes I do things which I feel are a little too feminine for my character. If I had a white face I could switch back and forth whenever I liked. A lot of times I have to refrain from doing a lot of things I really would like to do.

Warren Changing the subject a little, is there ever a time that a gay person will run away to the circus like a glamorous stories of old?

Gary Oh, definitely and for some reason when gays come they come in bundles. I mean, not at the same time, but they come and if its just one, the working men are hard against them because they live in bunks in the same car; so they would have a harder time than I would. So if they come one at a time, most likely they would get discouraged and leave because of the prejudice. But if three or four come, it usually works out better because they have each other to be with. The living conditions and the working times are hard for them. They have to be here a lot of the time and quite often they can't take the comments and threats that they do get.

At this point a bell rang and Gary had to go to warm up the crowd with the other clowns before the actual show was to begin. When he reached the floor his expression became animated and his posture uplifted. He performed with grace and charm and he seemed to illuminate the place.

Coming Out

Harmonizing With Jason

By James W. Revak

I owned a musty, heavy, thousand-paged encyclopedia when I was young, perhaps ten years old. It brimmed with data from A to Z, but what was favorite to me was neither the long articles on dead presidents, nor the color plate of the Ancient World's Seven Wonders, but rather it was an album of Greek deities: Apollo, Zeus, Hermes, and Ares. I was enthralled by their godly hands, legs, arms, and rigid abdomens.

Years went by and Apollo gave way to Kevin, and Ares to Raymond; on them I had grade school crushes. In my warm and rich fantasies I possessed them, but in reality I studied them from painfully afar — as if they were a museum's prized pieces.

"Queen," "queer," and "faggot": these weird words sparked my mind and sent me to the library's fat dictionary. There I learned what I was in unadorned prose. I thought of men no differently than described therein. After I turned away from these words in the dictionary, I no longer let them dominate me; I feared their myriad implications.

I befriended a classmate named Jason in my senior year of high school. He was tall and had thick chestnut brown hair that set off a nose that was a bit too long. We talked through the days at school and the nights at our homes. Our voices rose and fell as we wended through the labyrinth that

led to the center of us both. Our voices harmonized with the music of Mozart, our mutual love. His voice was warm and dark like a Verdian baritone, and when he laughed, it sparkled brightly. Never had I befriended such a man. A subtle desire wore at me and slowly grew more pronounced; I wanted to touch him, yet I did not know how. During our nights together, when from his phonograph we charged our spirits with Verdi's and Wagner's music, my bafflement would grow with each beat.

Jason and I often talked, travelled, and ate with David, a short, stout fellow student who played rock guitar and pursued from time to time the joy of jazz nirvana on THC. Together, like three mismatched musketeers, we tumbled through our adolescence in Jason's VW. We often ate cheese steaks in a drive-in at midnight, while we discussed who was boffing [having sex with] whom in school. Never were any of us included in this elite.

On the night of our graduation, Jason drove us through the cool, moist country air to pick up a friend of David's on our way to a late party. He drove with David next to him and me in the back with a jug of overly sweet, cheap red wine for the party. Who was boffing who was again the topic of our talk. We ticked off our perennial list of likely couples to which David surprisingly and passionately added, "I gotta get

laid, I gotta, gotta!"

Jason and I suggested possible female partners to him, to each of which he held no hope. "Too bad I'm not queer," David said, "there's this queer on the college campus where I've been getting stoned lately who told me that he'll bang me anytime. Can you imagine?"

None of us could possibly imagine that, when we arrived at the home of David's friend and he bounded from the car to fetch him. While Jason and I waited, only a nervous, high-pitched chorus of crickets broke the silence. Then Jason matter-of-factly said, "If only David knew I was gay; he'd kill me."

A Wagnerian storm, with menacing horns and thunderous drums, broke over me: my heart hammered, my skin burned, and my cock hardened in a flash. The man whom I had so long desired was gay. Then I realized, finally and irrevocably: *I must be gay too!* It made eminent sense, the shoe fit. I initially feared and loathed this new and undeniably "queer" identity. I wanted to cling to the well-ordered, proper world that I had known, which was nevertheless rapidly dissolving.

All night I said not a word to Jason about his confession. Instead, choosing to pretend that not a thing unusual happened, I partied with him, David, and the others, drinking the cheap red wine. I returned home

very late that night and barely slept. Like a drugged maenad, I danced until dawn on the landscape of my mind with a hammering heart and burning skin.

Jason and I went to the same college in the fall, where we discovered a new freedom and open space away from our homes. I soon came out to him. He was the first person I told. I was nervous, but it wasn't difficult; I had come out once and for all when he made his confession to me.

My reader, should you wonder if I ever made love to Jason, the answer is yes. It was soon after I came out to him, and it was the first time I ever made love. But by then we were like close brothers — not lovers. That we only made love once was understandable, although it pained me long and deeply.

Nearly ten years have passed since these events; I still often see Jason; he is one of my closest friends. I still love him; together we crossed a dark and difficult frontier terrain not with ease, but with a courage and strength born of a harmony rarely achieved by two men.

If you wish to share your coming out stories with the readers of GCN please limit them to four double-spaced type-written pages and send them to Coming Out Stories, Gay Community News, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Music

Reviewed by Maida Tilchen

Plenty of women's music came to Sanders Theater last Saturday, October 25, performed by two groups who have just released records distributed by the local Galaxia Women Enterprises company (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 14). Robin Flower, backed by Nancy Vogl and Barbara Higbie, did a rousing set, followed by Betsy Rose and Cathy Winter. All of this, plus emcee Maxine Feldman doing magic tricks and leading the audience in the Jewish primal scream ("Oy!") made for a very full evening.

Robin Flower, whose album is called *More Than Friends*, composes music and lyrics, and plays fiddle and guitar. Her group did a workable combination of Robin's own compositions, traditional tunes, and some new feminist country songs.

The sound for the concert was muddy, which unfortunately resulted in the flat-picking guitar work not being projected — a true loss for those who enjoy the fine guitar work of Nancy and Robin. Barbara Higbie's fiddling, particularly her train sounds on the old Doc Watson standard, "Southbound," was a lot of fun. Barbara is rated one of the top fiddlers nationally, and has played with other bands including Terry Garthwaite's. She has a pleasant and modest style and is a very welcomed new talent.

The group introduced some good new songs. Nancy Vogl, who was always the romantic of the Berkeley Women's Music

Gala Evening By Galaxia



Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl and Barbara Higbie

Collective, composing such songs as "Darling Companion," seems to be changing her image by featuring such tunes as "Just for Tonight, Pretend You're Mine" and "The Myth of Love."

Robin Flower has a new instrumental

called "Why Does Coffee Sometimes Taste Like Chocolate?" The group did snappy renditions of the songs on her album, especially "From Denver to L.A." In this live performance, Flower was emphasizing catchy songs with lyrics, but I really hope

she continues to develop her instrumentals as I feel she is creating exciting new jazz-country blends by her innovative uses of the traditional acoustic string band.

Boston old-timers seemed very excited to have Betsy Rose and Cathy Winter back again — both played in local coffeehouses for years. There certainly was an enthusiastic audience, and, as Betsy Rose said, "You can't all be former roommates, because there's more than one hundred and fifty of you here."

As on their album, *Sweet Sorcery*, they are an unpretentious and friendly duo. Their singing was livelier and had more depth and musical excitement than on their album. Their stage manner is relaxed, and they told some really entertaining anecdotes. I find their lyrics too general, but they very obviously please many people.

Although interpreters for the deaf are not supposed to be reviewed, particularly by people who don't know American Sign Language, I would like to mention that Ruth Coppersmith seemed to really delight the entire audience. The performers mentioned that Ruth sometimes manages to put more wit into her interpretations than the original songs had, and they seemed really pleased by her aid.

Concert productions by Allegra went very smoothly. This concert was a benefit for the Women's Community Health Center. Allegra has two upcoming concerts in the works: *Alive!* on November 15, and *Wallflower Order Dance Collective* on December 6.

Books

by Steve Forgione

Over the last few months a number of publications have continued to appear from the smaller presses. These publications often provide information, discussion and ideas and help to delineate the role of the small independent (and frequently radical-movement) press. Likewise, a number of periodicals have put out issues recently that merit mention because of their feature article(s).

This present discussion is a continuation and update of a similar article (*GCN* Vol. 7, No. 26), but in many ways better exemplifies the reality that diversity is the key to our liberation.

From the lesbian press there are two new "booklets" of note. Though the high-priced Arno Press did publish *Lesbianism and*

Feminism in Germany, 1895-1910 (1975), Lillian Faderman and Brigitte Eriksson have translated and edited an invaluable collection of essays, stories and autobiographic pieces from that same period (and at a more popular price). *Lesbian-Feminism in the Turn-of-the-Century Germany* (Naiad Press) should be considered to be a companion volume to *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement* by Lauritsen and Thorstad — even if the latter is more of a history book in content and style. It costs \$5.95 and can be ordered directly from Naiad at 7800 Westside Drive Weatherby Lake, MO 64152.

February 3rd Press was launched with the publication, *Top Ranking: A Collection of Articles on Racism and Classism in the Lesbian Community* compiled by Joan

Gibbs and Sara Bennett (306 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238 \$3.50 or "more if you can/less if you can't" — made out to Gibbs & Bennett). These are down-to-death essays drawn on actual day-to-day experiences, struggles, etc. which are important to our whole community. It is the exposure of the unconscious forms or racism and ethnocentrism that pervade society which give this collection its special importance (like Audre Lorde's "An Open Letter to Mary Daly").

Polemics on porno, cross-generational sex, and related issues have produced some new material. John Lauritsen has reprinted several of his essays and exchanges that lend themselves to the current discussions. *Rape: Hysteria and Civil Liberties, Censorship & Feminism, Dangerous Trends in Feminism,*

and *Religious Roots of the Taboo on Homosexuality* are available for \$1 each by writing to the author at 26 St. Marks Place, New York, NY 10003 (the last title is available only by special request).

The ever innovative journal *Semiotext(e)* — past issues ranged from *Anti-Oedipus* to the *autonomia* movement of Italy — dedicated a special issue entitled *Loving Boys* in a large-type newspaper format. There are three interviews: French gay activist and writer Guy Hocquenghem (*Homosexual Desire*) interviews David Thorstad; *Semiotext(e)* editor Sylvère Lotringer talks with Mark Moffett of NY's *Gay Youth*; and Mark Balsius talks with Kate Millett. Completing this is the excerpted text of a radio talk by France's

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Film

The Opening And Re-Opening of Nicholas Roeg



Mr. Newton prepares to leave Earth

The Man Who Fell to Earth

Directed by Nicholas Roeg.

With David Bowie, Candy Clark, Buck Henry and Rip Torn.

Bad Timing

Directed by Nicholas Roeg.

With Art Garfunkel, Harvey Keitel and Theresa Russell.

By Rob Schmieder

The Man Who Fell to Earth is the story of a creature from another planet who comes to Earth and falls in love with a human woman. This is one of the oldest stories in the world, and has passed through the mythology of many cultures before arriving in its current science fiction garb. However, director Nicholas Roeg has given new meaning to the story by setting it in a closely-observed contemporary America, and by casting David Bowie in the title role.

The alien, who assumes the identity of British citizen Thomas Jeremy Newton, has come to Earth with nothing but his wits and a mission. His mission is to transport some of Earth's water to his desert-like planet. His "family" — an androgynous-looking "wife" and two salamander-like children — face death if he does not succeed. Newton is able to parlay his home planet's technology, in the form of nine basic patents, into World Enterprises — a huge conglomerate which is eventually able to capitalize the huge space project needed to take the water home.

The hitch in this story is that Newton is forced to deal with Earthlings in order to carry out his mission. The first of these is Oliver Farnsworth (Buck Henry), a middle-aged, middle-of-the-road patent attorney who lives with his body-building boyfriend Trevor. The couple is often seen sitting at home listening to hideous German electronic music. Farnsworth is quiet, dependable and loyal. "Imagine me — the president of a multinational corporation," he says, awed by his own ability.

Newton hires Farnsworth, believing that this will be the beginning and end of his contact with human beings. In a quest for privacy, Newton travels to New Mexico, where he is befriended by hotel chamberperson Mary Lou (Candy Clark). Mary Lou clearly has designs on Newton's body and heart, but it will be many gin-soaked evenings and Sunday drives in the country before she attains her goal.

When Newton finally finds a secluded spot to build his hideaway, he invites Mary Lou to move in. It is not clear whether he is really that fond of her, or just likes to have someone to take care of him. Their domestic life consists of her ironing clothes and making runs to the liquor store, while he watches a wall of television screens and reminisces about his family.

Finally, sex rears its ugly head. During their cohabitation, Mary Lou and Newton engage in a mild form of heterosexual

Earthling sex, which the alien enters into with about as much gusto as if he were getting a pedicure. He begins to fantasize about sex on his home planet. (This looks something like a combination bubble bath and trampoline act performed by Ken dolls who have been left on the radiator too long.) Overcome by nostalgia, Newton removes the false eyes and false skin with which he has been deceiving Mary Lou and the world, and tries to get some of the real thing. Mary Lou flees in terror from the alien body and Newton goes off to live in seclusion until his rocket is ready.

In the meantime Dr. Anthony Bryce (Rip Torn), a "disillusioned scientist," has entered the scene. It is largely through this character that Roeg keeps a fix on his American social setting. Bryce is a chemistry professor who spends most of his time screwing his female students ("You're not at all like my daddy"). The university fires him (based on a computer analysis of his performance); Bryce joins World Enterprises and declares that he has suddenly "lost interest in eighteen-year olds." It is unclear what he is supposed to be doing for Newton, but Bryce is the first heterosexual Earthman with which the alien has had any dealings, and their encounters are charged with a tension that transcends the immediate relationship.

Bryce is the first person to become obsessed with the otherness of Newton (Mary Lou would rather just forget about it). He furtively makes X-rays of the alien's hollow body, has ghostly meetings with him, and eventually is entrusted with Newton's secret in a moving coming out scene.

Here the story would normally be resolved; Newton should finally fall in love or be betrayed by one of his confidants. What happens, however, is more complicated: the web of social details that Roeg has been putting together strand by strand suddenly snares the unwitting Newton. World Enterprises' success has tempted the political/industrial powers-that-be for too long, and they act to take over the company. "This is contemporary America and we aim to keep it that way," says one of the industrial thugs. Oliver and Trevor are tossed from their high-rise and Newton is placed in a luxurious prison where he must undergo painful medical examinations.

The years pass. Knowing his family must have perished, Newton abandons himself to drink in his prison. Finally, a frowsy, middle-aged Mary Lou visits him. Newton realizes that she is all he has left, and both loves and hates her for this. They have a brief sexual interlude; Newton's human skin can no longer be removed, and having sex with a body not his own adds to the bittersweet quality of the encounter.

Mary Lou is too old for these freaky hijinks, and prefers to make trips to the

liquor store with a mellow bearded Bryce. When, in the end, Newton finally escapes to the outside world, he is all alone. He cuts a record album called *The Visitor*, and is last seen in a drunken conversation with Bryce. He says that he hopes his wife will hear his songs on the radio.

In a recent interview in *New Musical Express* (NME), Bowie synthesizes the emotional content of the movie:

Nic [Roeg] is always presenting something that is none too clear but which seems superficially to be everything that one's first impressions would have it be. You know, pure spirit comes to earth, and they fuck it up. In fact, it's nothing of the kind. There's this insidious lie going on throughout the film; Newton is a far better person at the end of the film than he was when he came down. He's actually found some sort of real emotional drive; he knows what it is to relate

to people . . . When he first comes down, he doesn't give a shit about anybody.

This is a deceptively simple analysis of Newton's odyssey. Roeg has plopped his alien down in the middle of the sexual anarchy of the United States circa 1976. (This is especially evident in this new release of the film, which contains sexual scenes left out of the 1976 version.) Mary Lou is an off-the-wall nymphomaniac who goes to church on Sunday because "you have to have something to believe in." Bryce represents American athletic sexuality at its most exuberant extreme (the scenes with him are also the first documentation I've seen of the self-developing camera as sexual aid). Oliver and Trevor are the sort of prosperous and invisible gay couple that came to the fore in the '70s. Newton for his part seems to have been involved in a partnership of equals on his own planet. The scenes with his family are invariably gentle, silent and sad; the alien sex scenes just look like biology lessons.

Casting Bowie as Newton was disingenuous to say the least. Bowie originally made his name in the persona of Ziggy Stardust, a glittery Spaceman of ambiguous sexuality (or, as Bowie himself puts it, "the orange-haired bisexual"). As his fame grew, he became increasingly distant and ambiguous. In *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, Roeg plays on the parallel between the outer-space alien, the non-US-citizen alien, and the sexual alien, in the same way Bowie himself has in building his own image. Later in the same NME interview, Bowie comments on this parallel:

I put in [to Newton] . . . that Japanese influence, something that I felt had something to do with my . . . analogy between spacemen or a spaceman and what Westerners regard the Orientals as: an archetype kind of concept.

The Bowie-Roeg exchange worked both ways. For some time after the original 1976 release of *The Man Who Fell to Earth* the Newton character was Bowie-the-singer's "look;" and he recorded material that stemmed from his participation in the film.

From Space Oddity to globe-trotting "Lodger," Bowie has always adopted a persona which relates to the alien archetype. As long as we are aliens within straight society, we will look to archetypes like that of Bowie/Newton for the story of our lives.



The last of Mr. Newton

Bad Timing, Roeg's latest, is another kettle of fish. Bowie refers to it as a "personal film" — this is a familiar euphemism for "self-indulgent twaddle," which the film certainly is. Again, a pop music star of ambivalent sexuality is involved, but this time to no good end.

The bare plot is quite simple, though it is presented in an absurdly fractured fashion: Czech sex kitten Milena (Theresa Russell) comes on to American Freudian psychologist Alex Linden (Art Garfunkel) at a party in Vienna. He responds, and they embark on a tempestuous affair. On one of the downswings she takes some pills; he comes to her apartment and looks on as she reaches medical death, then fucks her and calls an ambulance. She is revived just in time to put a halt to police investigation of her death. Later, back in the States, Linden sees her through his cab window and looks back wistfully as the cab drives on.

One line spoken by Linden — "I hate to be hung up on" — summarizes his relations with women. He wants the sort of absolute domination over women that he can only have if they are dead. Yet this desire for domination is called a "sensual obsession." Straight critics have seen the film as a sensitive illumination of a seamy side of heterosexuality; but I couldn't help asking, why tell this brutal and degrading story at all? As I sat in discomfort through the necrophilic rape scene — which is apparently the film's selling point — I had to wonder what sort of person could not only envision such a story, but be committed enough to its telling to sit through numerous takes of the same senseless and hideous scene.

Both films are playing at the Nickelodeon. The theatre is wheelchair accessible.

President

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communities such as ours — the promise of a prosperous, secure, and free land; a chance to achieve greatness as individuals; and a chance to contribute to our nation as an integral part of American life,” freelance writer John Gilbert told *Blade* readers.

Anderson
Independent candidate John Anderson, an Illinois representative in Congress, is a co-sponsor of the bill currently pending in Congress which would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He also voted against the

1977 and 1980 McDonald Amendments to the Legal Services Bill, which called for denial of legal services aid in cases involving gay and lesbian rights issues. Support for gay and lesbian rights is a distinct section of Anderson’s platform, as is support for the Equal Rights Amendment and for a woman’s right to choose abortion. Anderson has condemned the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the Hyde Amendment, which outlawed the use of Medicaid funds to provide abortions for poor women.

Anderson opponents argue that he does not have sufficient sup-

port to win the election, and that voting for him, rather than for the more “viable” Carter, will pull votes away from Carter and allow Reagan to win. Anderson supporters, however, point out that he need only 270 electoral votes in order to win, and that “the Harris poll has shown that, when voters think he has a chance of winning, he leads in states with 216 electoral votes, and is closing fast in states with 97 more electoral votes,” according to Anderson campaign literature.

“John Anderson from the start openly asked for Gay help,” the *Bay Area Reporter* told its readers

in an editorial endorsing Anderson. “He has unequivocally listed the things he will do. Namely, issue an executive order barring discrimination in the federal government . . . there would have been no Gay issue in this campaign without Anderson having made it an issue. He fearlessly stood up for Gay men and Lesbians — it is only just we stand by him until the end.”

Clark
Ed Clark’s party, the Libertarian Party, believes that “it is the moral, right, and ethical place of politics to allow people to conduct themselves in any manner

they see fit as long as they don’t use force or fraud against others.”
As Clark told *GCN* in an interview (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 2), the party calls for the repealing of all laws regarding the private sexual conduct of consenting adults (with the age of consent “reasonably” defined and identical for males and females); the repeal of all laws which discriminate against gay men and lesbians and the repeal of dishonorable military discharges on account of homosexuality; and full equality of rights for women including the right of abortion.

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Gays In Prison: Death By Neglect



By Clifford T. Gaines

There is a community in these states where every relationship is suspect, where everyone constantly looks over their shoulder, where the young live in fear of rape, where at night everyone is placed in a small hole "for their own protection," and where lawlessness is the law which exists under the law. In spite of the very "best" in security money can buy, the citizens of this community live in constant fear. This place of perpetual danger is prison.

Assault by stabbing and prison rape constitute a serious problem in the penal institutions. This problem stems from two basic factors: the environment and the psychology of the inhabitants of that environment.

Environmentally, prison is an anathema. It has long been known that overcrowding and poverty breed hostility and violence. Currently, prisons are overcrowded to the point of putting two people in a one-person cell. Time to be alone, a place to get away

for a short time from harsh reality, the last vestige of psychic breath — all these have been eliminated from our prisons. And homosexuals exist at the very bottom of this oppressive environment. A homosexual is oppressed by both staff and inmates.

Homosexuals come to jail, and from that point on, belong to the other inmates, and never to themselves. They are brought in like meat, and go to the highest bidder.

There is no such thing as respect for a homosexual man. To all others he is only a faggot, punk, fuck-boy, or pretty-boy. Once the homosexual is paid for, he belongs to that person until he is sold again or until he leaves for home. All homosexuals are given girls' names, and must obey all that the "men" tell them to do. They (the homosexuals) must wash and darn his "man's" clothes, clean his cell and give his friends some ass or head. In return, he is given some smokes, toiletries, food-stuff, or whatever the man who owns him thinks he should have. If it becomes known that one of the homosexuals has visits or money, some of the "men" will try and con it from him, or threaten him with harm unless the money is given out. Homosexuals are raped many times over, and are sometimes forced to help rape younger boys.

There are two ways in which a homosexual can hope to get out from under this kind of treatment. One way is if he can fight well. His only other hope is to pray like hell that no one ever finds out that he is a homosexual; for a homosexual to turn to officers or staff is useless. While the staff all know that most good looking young boys in jail will get gang-raped, they are too afraid that

the "men" will start trouble to say anything.

The staff policy on money also encourages crime in jail. Prisoners are required to buy everything they need, beyond food and housing, from their wages. With an average income of \$12.50 per month, inmates must pay for all of their toiletries, stationery, postage, and cigarettes. This absurdity achieves the height of folly, because the institutions also expect the inmates to save a substantial amount of money toward their release. In my experience, many physical assaults occur over debts — usually extremely small ones.

In addition to this environment of tension, deprivation, poor living facilities, and sexual frustration, psychological problems also abound in prison. Anti-social attitudes are present constantly, and psychopathic tendencies exist in a sizeable percentage of the inmate population.

The social and/or mental problems which the inmate may carry with him to prison are aggravated by the constant show of prejudice by the guards. I feel certain, however, that if a normal, law-abiding citizen was suddenly thrust into a similar environment, problems would soon emerge which might be indistinguishable from the existing ones.

What is clear is that a warped pattern of ethics has developed — one in which conflict is only resolved by violence, and any other way of dealing is construed as a sign of weakness. One should not be surprised when violence occurs among inmates who are placed in an overcrowded, poverty-stricken environment that is morally, socially, and intellectually bankrupt.

There are no easy solutions, although many are quick to find them. The reasoning which blames the homosexual, claiming that if he wasn't what he is, no one would rape him, is pure bullshit.

The reasoning which claims that if weapons were removed from inmates violence would cease, is slightly better. A sharp implement can be fashioned in a manner of minutes, from just about anything. Weapons are made from pencils, pens, combs, razors, toothbrushes, mops, brooms and bucket handles. It is true that some of the rapes and the beatings might decrease if the officers who work their housing units did their job better and removed weapon-fashionable materials; but they prefer to stay in the office and drink coffee and bullshit instead.

Any truly effective answer must go right to the heart of the matter — the environment and psychology of the inmates and prison guards. An honest and in-depth re-evaluation of the whole prison system would have to result in revolutionary new concepts of incarceration.

However, I hold little hope that any of this will ever come to pass. Misinformed public sentiment, economic restrictions, and political considerations continually relegate progressive prison reform to the realm of "the bleeding-heart-liberal." As long as this remains the case, inmates will be raped, and when an inmate gets scared enough, mad enough, frustrated enough, or sick enough, someone else, dear world, shall die.

Reading

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Michel Foucault (*History of Sexuality, Discipline & Punish*). Price is \$1.50, ordered at 522 Philosophy Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

Giving the impression that Columbia University is taking over in this arena, the theme of the winter 1980 issue of *New Political Science* is Sexuality and Capitalism. By sending \$4.50 c/o Columbia U., 420 W. 118th St., rm. 733, New York, NY 10027, you can read contributions by the likes of Andrea Dworkin, Ellen Willis (NY *Village Voice*), Nancy Harstock, Stanley Aronowitz, Barbara Epstein, and even (modest) me.

The Workers World Party press, World view Publishers, has also added a title to this list of (to some) controversial subjects. Taking a subway ride with Diane Leslie Feinberg in her *Journal of a Transsexual* puts us in touch with another aspect of what should be a shared oppression and hopefully a fuller vision of future freedom(s). \$.75 from the publisher at 46 W. 21st St., New York, NY 10010.

A different look at the process of accepting and affirming our sexuality and ourselves as a radicalizing experience is the subject of the feature interview in the 10th Anniversary Issue of *Gay Sunshine* (no. 44/45, \$2 at P.O. Box 40397, San Francisco, CA 94140). GS founder-editor Winston Leyland talks with San Francisco's leading (and gay) Supervisor Harry Britt and underscores the depth of the Stonewall Rebellion.

Although this next book is to be distributed by Scribner, it deserves mention here. After 40 years of being out-of-print, Margaret Sanger's series of articles for the (now defunct) Socialist weekly, *The Call*, entitled "What Every Girl Should Know" is now reprinted under one cover by the same title (\$4.70 to Belvedere Publishers, c/o Chelsea House, 70 W. 40th St., New York, NY 10018). As with several of the previously mentioned titles, this deserves a fuller review. That sex and related subjects were talked about so candidly between 1912-13 shows both the liberating nature of socialist thinking and thought of that day and also reveals its subjectiveness in the period.

The value of reprinting documents, articles, etc. as first-hand resource material is one of *Gay Insurgent's* (GI) (edited by Daniel Tsang) main services. Issue no. 6 (summer 1980) contains the full text of the increasingly talked about chapter on homosexuality that appears in a new book on

Cuba (*Man and Woman in Intimacy*) who's purported objective is to both educate and refute the backward anti-gay views of Cuba's doctors, psychologists, teachers, sociologists, and other professionals. This issue of *GI* also gives ample coverage from the 3rd World Lesbian/Gay Conference held Oct. 1979 in Washington, D.C. This can be ordered for \$2.50 from Lavender Archives, P.O. Box 2337 Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Britain's *Gay Left* (no. 10) is now available in what they call a "Bumper Issue" and if this is a new name for you, definitely get a copy. It has a wealth of ideas, information, reviews, etc. This issue (\$2) and back ones are available from Carrier Pigeon, 75 Kneeland St., Rm. 309, Boston, MA 02111.

On the gay bookstore shelves again is the collective work by the Gay Theory Work Group of the Movement for a New Society aptly entitled *Gay Oppression and Liberation*. They cover virtually every conceivable issue (family, heterosexism, masculinity, androgyny, lesbian-feminism, etc.) in a style that is both non-rhetorical and lesbian/gay sex-positive and identified. It's a large-format book and sells for \$3 from G.T.W.G., c/o M.N.S., 4722 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143.

Radical America (38 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02143) has continually expanded on its understanding of the various forms of sexism and related issues in society. They do this by using historical accounts and more recent developments and inject needed practical-theoretical interpretations. Vol. 13, no. 4 has coverage of gay politics in California with activist insight on the fight against Briggs and the political climate behind Harvey Milk's assassination. Vol. 13, no. 5 has excerpts from Sheila Rowbotham's talk/critique that has precipitated mini-crises in the British left. The real meaning of the relationship of patriarchy, sexism, and many other questions on organizing for socialism are succinctly presented. (The book, *Beyond the Fragments*, where this appears full-length along with contributions by two other leading British socialist/feminists is also now available from Carrier Pigeon for \$8.50). Vol. 14, no. 4 has another major article by Rowbotham on Edward Carpenter and an essay on "Utopian" socialism that raises new questions for today's movement. Each costs \$2.

The winter 1980 issue of *Urgent Tasks* devoted most of its pages to Alan Rausch's "In Partial Payment: Class Struggle, Sex-

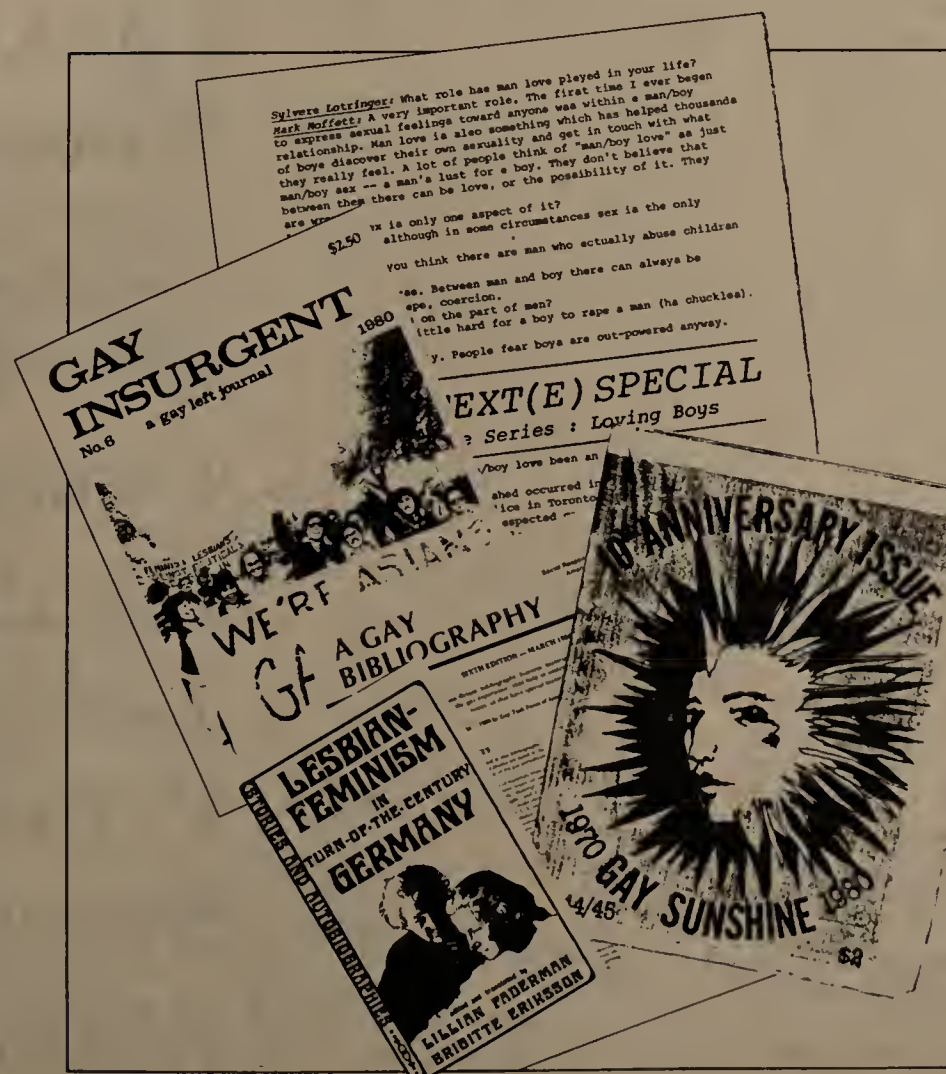
uality, and Gay Liberation." The article and excellent footnotes/bibliography is as comprehensive as its title and almost stands alone as a major contribution by a revolutionary left organization. The journal is published by the Sojourner Truth Organization, P.O. Box 8493, Chicago, IL 60680. It too is \$2.

Two briefer pieces to be considered are *Socialist Revolution: The Only Road to Lesbian and Gay Liberation* (I hate give away titles) by the Revolutionary socialist League (\$.50, RSL, P.O. Box 1288, New York, NY 10116) and *Toward a Socialist Feminist Theory of Lesbian and Gay Liberation* by Laurie Morton/Freedom Socialist Party (\$.50, FSP, 301 W.17th St., 2E, New York, NY 10011). Both were presented as position papers handed out at the Lavender Left Conference held in Shirley, NJ last May.

What happens when campy gay politico-journalists decide to strike back by putting out a wonderfully vicious expose of a self-hating queer politician who stabbed the gay community in the back? Read about N.Y. City's East side lawyer and prominent citizen Roy Cohn (former Hoover/McCarthy aide) in the July 1980 issue of *NOW East* by sending \$2 to Rising Star, Inc., 521 5th Ave., 17th Fl., New York, NY 10012.

And as a fitting conclusion, the new *Gay Bibliography*, coordinated by Barbara Gittings, is out and should be included in all of our personal libraries. It only costs \$1 and is ordered from the Gay Task Force, American Library Association, Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Presidential Race

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Clark was charged in a suit by a former subordinate that he and the Atlantic Richfield Corporation, where he is employed, fired an employee because he was gay (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 35). Clark denies the charges, stating that the employee was fired for strictly business-related reasons.

Commoner

Barry Commoner is the candidate of the Citizens Party, which the *Guardian* describes as "a left-liberal, populist grouping within the capitalist system which seeks to either become or lay the basis for a viable third party alternative."

The party platform calls for "insurance of the rights of all people striving for freedom of choice in sexual expression," and supports ERA, low-cost contraception and abortion, along with other women's issues.

Griswold

Deirdre Griswold is the candidate of the Workers World Party, a party which holds to the socialist

principles of Leon Trotsky. The Party members have demonstrated in support of the ERA, abortion rights, and gay and lesbian rights; its youth group, Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), was one of the sponsoring organizations in the demonstrations against the anti-gay and anti-lesbian movies *Cruising* and *Windows* in New York City. The group also participated in demonstrations against Anita Bryant, anti-gay crusader, and in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October 1979.

The party platform calls for passage of the ERA, free abortion on demand, an end to forced sterilization, equal pay for work of equal value, and full civil rights and an end to the oppression of gay and lesbian people, according to Griswold (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 44).

Although the party supports Cuba, a country which has been accused of mistreating gay men and lesbians (Griswold maintains that conditions for gay people

have improved in Cuba in recent years), the candidate told *GCN* that socialist parties "have to be independent from the policies of any one particular socialist country."

Pulley

Andrew Pulley, candidate of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), believes that the liberation of gay men and lesbians, like the liberation of all oppressed peoples, requires radical changes in society.

"The people who rule this country have a set of so-called morals which are totally amoral when it comes to the rights of gay people, the rights of women, lesbian and straight," he told *GCN* (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 14).

The Socialist Workers Party supports ERA, the right to abortion on demand, an end to forced sterilizations and free childcare centers; however, the party does not include any reference to gay and lesbian rights in its platform, and has been accused of forcing a

transsexual member to leave the party (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 8).

McReynolds

The Socialist Party-USA's David McReynolds is the openly gay candidate; however, he has made it clear that he is not running as the candidate of gay liberation.

In a letter to *GCN* quoted in a story on his candidacy (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 42), McReynolds admitted, "Some in the gay community who believe gays should run for office may wish I hadn't. I don't think gays are sick — and I don't think we are healthier. I don't think gay is better — it just is, and doesn't need a defense as better or healthier. I suppose I am an integrationist on this issue. The fact remains, I am homosexual. I am not in the closet. I and the Socialist Party — emphatically defend the rights of sexual freedom."

The party's platform supports ERA and says that "gay men and lesbians should not suffer discrimination because of sexual orientation."

Hall

The Communist Party, which the *Guardian* calls "the most uncritically pro-Soviet group in the country," is running Gus Hall as its presidential candidate. Although the party supports the ERA, equal pay for comparable work, and abortion, it does not mention gay and lesbian rights in its platform or campaign.

Nobody

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Gay Alliance, UConn, Box U-8, Storrs, 06268	486-2273
Gay Alliance, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan St., Middletown, 06457	347-9411
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, So. Conn. St. College, 388 Sherman Ave., New Haven 06511	865-2802
Gay Community, Conn. College P.O. Box 1295, New London 06320	
Lesbians, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan St., Middletown 06457	347-9411
Yalesbians, P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520	

RELIGIOUS

Dignity/Fairfield County, P.O. Box 348, Belden Sta. Norwalk, 06850	233-8325
Dignity/Hartford, P.O. Box 72, Hartford 06141	233-8325
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 285, West Haven 06516	
Integrity/Hartford, P.O. Box 3681, Central Sta., Hartford 06103	522-2646
Integrity/New Haven, P.O. Box 1777, New Haven 06507	787-1518
MCC/Hartford, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101	522-5575
MCC/New Haven, P.O. Box 1273, New Haven 06505	777-9808

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

Gay AA (Danbury)	748-5341
Gey Health Workers at YNH, H. Box 2031, Yale St., New Haven, 06520	436-8354
Moonsed (counseling)	727-0379

Rhode Island (401)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Gay Help Line	751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I., Box 6563, Providence 02940	728-9269 728-6023

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

Providence Gay Group of AA	331-2047
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WOMEN

Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912	863-2189
Lesbians Feminist Union, Sarah Doyle Center Box 1829 Brown Sta., Providence 02912	863-2189
Support Group for Gay Women Over 25 Box 755, Pawtucket 02860	942-5368

STUDENT

Brown/RISD Gay Students, Box 49, Brown U., Providence 02912	863-3062
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RELIGIOUS

Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861	724-0132
MCC/Providence, 5 Junction St., Providence	272-9247
MCC innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom	272-8482

New Hampshire (603)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Dignity/Integrity 52 Pleasant St., Concord 03301	485-5770
Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061	Paul 888-1305
NH Coalition of Lesbians & Gay Men Box 521, Concord 03301	485-5770
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301; Concord 224-3785, 746-3339; Portsmouth 431-1541; Nashua 889-1416	
Speakers Bureau, Box 521, Concord 03301; Box 3472, Nashua 03061	

MEN

Central N.H. Men's Support Group 31 Union St., Concord 03301	228-8049
Conway Area Discussion Group, Box 211, Chocoma 03817	
Seacoast Gay Men, P.O. Box 221 Portsmouth 03801	

WOMEN

Full Circle, monthly feminist news journal, P.O. Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229	
Lesbian Feminist Collective, Box 47, Penacook	

STUDENT

Dartmouth Gay Students' Assoc. Hinman Box 5057, Hanover 03755	
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Vermont (802)

Gay Hotline, U of VT	656-4173
Gay Student Union, U of Vt, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm	656-4173
Gay People at Middlebury Box D56, Middlebury College, 05753	
Southern Vermont Lesbians/Gay Men's Coalition, P.O. Box 1034, Brattleboro 05301	
Washington County Gays P.O. Box 1264, Montpelier 05602	223-6843
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701	775-1946
Women's Center, P.O. Box 92 Burlington 05401	863-1236
Integrity, P.O. Box 11 Winooski, 05404	

Maine (207)

Center for Being, 8 Rocky Hill Estates, Brunswick 04011	729-1750
Down East Gay Alliance, Box 594 Bar Harbor 04609	
Gay Peoples Alliance 92 Bedford St., Portland, 04103	780-4085
Mainely Gay, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112	
Northern Lambda Nord, P.O. Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736	
Maine Lesbian Feminists P.O. Box 125, Belfast, 04915	
Midcoast Gay Men P.O. Box 57 Belfast, ME 04915	
Wildie-Stein Club, c/o Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473	
Parents & Friends of Gays	563-5856
Dignity/Maine, Box 7021, Lewiston 04240	

New Jersey (201)

Dignity/Jersey Shore, Box 824, Asbury Park 07712	988-9510
Dignity/Metropolitan, Box 337, Irvington 07111	755-9053
Gay Activist Alliance/Morris County, Box 137, Convent Sta. 07691	762-6217
Gay Activist Alliance of New Jersey, Box 1734, South Hackensack 07601	343-6402
Gay People Princeton, Box 2303, Princeton 08540	
Lambda Alliance, Box 223, Eatontown 07724	229-7949
Lavender Express (Publications), c/o Pat Freeman Box 218, Kearny 07032	
Lesbian Feminist Collective, Box 4042, Allwood St., Clifton 07012	998-1023
National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, 18 Ober Rd., Princeton 08540	
Organization for Gay Awareness, Box 41, Orange 07050	746-6196
Rutgers Gay Alliance, Student Ctr. Box 91, College Ave. New Brunswick 08903	932-7886

New York City (212)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Calendar

weekly events

Boston, MA — All Lindemann Center activities of the Chiltern Mt. Club and the Gay Recreational Activities Club have been suspended until further notice (probably 3-4 weeks). This includes the East Coast Basketball Tournament which will take place somewhere else. For info on tournament call Tony at 236-1914.

sundays

Boston, MA — Boston Area Coalition for Cuban Aid and Resettlement (BACCAR) open meeting for potential sponsors of gay and lesbian Cuban refugees and also for other interested persons. Arlington St. Church. Every Sunday at 3pm. Info: 723-2997 (8-12pm).

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space, a weekly public affairs program for gay men and lesbians with co-hosts Katherine Triantafyllou and Charles Bedard. 11am. WCAS, AM740.

Boston, MA — Gay AA meets at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Gay men and women. 2:30pm.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Running Club. Jogging and racing on the Esplanade. Sundays at 1, Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 6. Info: 482-5265.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Swimming at Lindemann Center (Stanford St. Gov't Ctr.). Men and women. 2-4pm.

Bedford, MA — Bedford-Concord Area Social Club meets at 7:30pm. Info: John 275-1336 or Joe 443-4775.

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a gay social group, alternative to the bars, on Cape Cod. Meets every 2nd Sunday. Info: P.O. Box 1614, Orleans, MA 02653.

Greenfield, MA — Gay Men of Franklin County. Every third Sun. Green River Cafe, Osgood St. 7pm.

Concord, NH — NH Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men. 1st Sun. of the month, 1-5pm. Statewide political action group. Info: 228-8049.

New York, NY — Meeting of Gay and Lesbian. Blind at the Gay and Lesbian Services Center, 110 E. 23rd St. Suite 502. 4-6pm. Info: Michael at 362-8729.

New York, NY — Rainbow Society. Deaf gay meeting. Manhattan Community Center, 75 Morton St. 2nd Sunday of the month. 2pm. 755-1426.

coming events

nov 2 sun

Cambridge, MA — Women in the Wilderness will have a potluck dinner at 23 Cottage St. (Central Sq.) Come and plan outdoor activities, camping and day hikes. Info: 864-7572.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folk-dancing. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, 1-3pm. Newcomers especially welcome. Info: Beth 666-4278 or Dee 661-7223.

Boston, MA — Lesbian Cultural Center Project. First meeting. 4-6pm. Harriet Tubman House, 566 Columbus Ave. (corner of Mass Ave. South End) Cafeteria. Wheelchair accessible.

Salem, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance Second Anniversary Party. Daniels House, Daniels St. 7-11pm. \$2 donation.

Cambridge, MA — Gays at MIT (GAMIT) meets at 5pm. Walker Memorial Bldg., 142 Memorial Dr. 3rd floor. Everyone welcome. Info: 253-5440.

3 mon

Cambridge, MA — Straight Talk About Lesbians, the revised slide/tape presentation. 8pm. MIT Bldg. 10, 77 Mass Ave. Room 250. \$3 donation.

Cambridge, MA — Holidays Support and Rap Group. For all women troubled by this season. At DOB office, 1151 Mass Ave. Mondays at 8pm.

mondays

Cambridge, MA — Parents and Friends of Gays meet on the first Monday of the month. 7:15pm sharp at the Episcopal Theological Seminary Library, 99 Brattle St. Info: 542-5188 or write: PFOG, 40 Cogswell Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

Cambridge, MA — LUNA (Lesbians United for Non-nuclear Action) meeting. Women's Educ. Ctr., 46 Pleasant. 354-8807. 7-10pm.

Brettleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Gay Men meet every 4th Monday at the Common Ground, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Nashua, NH — Meeting of Nashua Area Gays. 8pm. Info: Paul, 888-1305, or write: Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

New York, NY — Gay Overeaters Anonymous, for lesbians and gay men, meet at 7:30pm at Gracie Square Hosp. 420 E. 76th St.

New York, NY — Meeting of the NY Coalition of Black and Third World Lesbians and Gays. Triangle Ctr., 26 9th Ave., 3rd floor. 7:30pm. Anyone interested in these issues is welcome regardless of race.

tuesdays

New York, NY — WBAI (99.5FM) The Lesbian Show. 8:30pm. 279-0707.

Cambridge, MA — Friends Meeting at Cambridge. Draft counseling. Every Tuesday at 3:30 and 7:30pm. 5 Longfellow Park (near Harvard Sq.) Info: 878-6883.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Organization for women. Discussion group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1131 Mass Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

New Bedford, MA — Rap group at the Ald Center. 18 S. Water St. 8-10pm. Info: 999-3141.

Uxbridge, MA — Support and Discussion Group for Lesbians. Tuesday eves, 7:30pm. Info: 278-5475.

New York, NY — Meeting of Politically Involved Lesbians and Gays Under Twenty-two (PIGLUT), 339 Lafayette St. (top floor). Info: Michael 236-2397. Open to all 21 and under.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Taskforce meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm. (First Tuesdays) Info: 249-7691.

wednesdays

Boston, MA — Gay Youth Rap. Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). For all between the ages of 14 and 22. 7-9pm. 128A Tremont St. (near Park St. stop), 4th floor. Info: BAGLY 338-9472 or the Hotline 426-9371.

Boston, MA — Walk-In VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 8:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 18 Haviland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

New York, NY — Gay Teachers Association membership meeting (open to all gay school workers of both sexes in public and nonpublic schools). 16 W. 16th St. Apt. 7-T South. Social hour at 7, business meeting at 8.

4 tues

Boston, MA — Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Schoolworkers (BAGALS) will meet at 7:30pm at 355 Boylston St. (near Arlington St.) All who work in schools are invited.

6 thurs

BOSTON, MA — GCN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROOFREAD AND LAYOUT THE PAPER. SEE THURSDAYS ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

Hartford, CT — "Gay Spirit", news, commentary, interviews and music, on WWUH, 91.3FM. 8:30-9pm.

Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley Gay People's Alliance is now forming. Meetings on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 586-5979.

Boston, MA — Mass. Minority Council on Alcoholism Open House for Community Training and Resource Center at 55 Dimock St. (Roxbury) from 2-6pm.

Medford, MA — Symposium on Religion and Homosexuality. Reps from Dignity, Integrity and others. 104 Barnum Hall, Tufts U. 8pm. Sponsored by the Tufts Gay Community. Info: 628-1270.

New York, NY — Discussion of what S/M means to us. Gay male S/M support group. 8pm. Info: Brian 243-3332 (6-10pm).

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Our advocacy is growing. Join us. Call 426-9371. (M-F, 6pm-midnight) for info.

Cambridge, MA — Second Wave magazine is opening its collective to new members. Interested women should come to Wed. eve meetings 6:30pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. or call Amy at 628-7275 (h) or 495-2560 (w).

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC) volleyball (near Rose Garden in the Fenway). Men and women. 8:30-8:30pm.

Providence, RI — Transvestite/transsexual meetings. 8pm. Info: 272-9247.

New York, NY — "Oakdale, Indiana," a lesbian soap opera on WBAI, 99.5FM. Weds. at 6:10pm and at midnight.

New York, NY — (WBAI, 99.5FM) Gay Rap. 279-0707. 8:30-9:30pm.

New York, NY — Gay Liberation Allows Drag (GLAD) meeting. 1835 First Ave. Info: 473-5888 x204. Ask for Eve.

New York, NY — Chelsea Gay Association meets last Wed. of the month. Coffeehouse. Info: 691-7950.

thursdays

Boston, MA — GCN proofreading and layout (beelceily cutting end pasting with a little beer and pretzels on the side). No experience necessary. We'll teach you all you need to know! Proofreading begins 5-lah and layout 6-lah. 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St and Washington St subway stops), 2nd floor. 426-4469.

Boston, MA — North American Man Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Regular meetings on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. 8pm. Glad Day Book Shop, 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St.) Info: 542-0144.

Boston, MA — Lesbian Youth United (LYU). Rap group. 7:30-9:30pm. For women 22 and under who are or are considering being lesbians. 128A Tremont St. (4th floor). Call BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth) at 338-9472 or the Hotline 426-9371 (6pm-midnight).

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Pride meeting for people interested in planning community events as part of the committee's year-round organizing work. Glad Day Book Shop, 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St.) 7:30pm sharpish!

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Organization for women. Discussions and social hour. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. A leadership support group meeting every Thursday from 8-10pm. Newcomers welcome. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

7 fri

BOSTON, MA — GCN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SEND OUT THE PAPER. SEE FRIDAYS ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

Cambridge, MA — GOOD GAY POETS. Open reading. Bring poems, ears and Instruments! Bettins Room, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 7pm.

Cambridge, MA — AmTikva. Rap and refreshments. Bring cider, wine, dessert or fruit. 312 Memorial Drive. (at Mass. Ave.). 8pm.

Boston, MA — "Footholds", a dramatic collage of women's writings, tonight and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday thru December 13. 8pm. 565 Boylston St. (Copley Square).

Cambridge, MA — Clearing, an improvisational dance company, will perform at the First Congregational Church, 11 Garden St. \$4 (\$2 senior citizens and children). 8pm. Tonight & tomorrow. Info: 288-7513.

Cambridge, MA — Benefit dance/concert for the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft. Bound and Gagged, the Peptones and others. 7:30-11:30pm. Old Cambridge Baptist, 1151 Mass. Ave. Info: 491-4694.

Cambridge, MA — Boston NOW Lesbian Task Force presents a "Lesbian awareness day", featuring workshop exercises about lesbian-feminism from Lesbians: a consciousness Raising Kit and Liz Diamonds slide/tape "Straight talk about lesbians". Everyone welcome. 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (Central Sq.) 9:30am to 5pm. Info: 661-6015.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Pine Barrens (NJ) Canoe trip. Info: Tom (617) 266-5879

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Somerville, MA — Lesbian Support Group for younger women. Somerville Women's Center, 38 Union Square, (2nd floor over laundromat). 6pm. Info: 623-9340.

New York, NY — Biweekly gay male "S/M" support group. 8pm. Info: Brian 243-3332 (6-10pm).

New York, NY — General meeting of the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Male Socialists at NY Marxist School, 151 W 19th St. 7th floor. 7:30pm. Info: 988-3012.

New York, NY — Gay Activists Alliance regular meeting at 339 Lafayette St. (near Houston). 8:30pm. All are welcome!

fridays

Boston, MA — Come to GCN office, 22 Bromfield (near Park St. subway stop), 2nd floor, anytime after 5 for as long or as short as you like (until about 11pm) to help send the paper out to subscribers. (There are LOTS of them and we do need help!) Refreshments and good times. Men and women welcome. 426-4469.

Boston, MA — Chiltern basketball. 7-9pm. Lindemann Ctr. (near Gov't Ctr.), Staniford St. entrance. FREE! Info: Tony 236-1914.

Boston, MA — Chiltern swimming for men and women over 40 from 6-7pm. Swimming for men of all ages from 7-9pm. Lindemann Ctr. (near Gov't Ctr.) Info: Joe 227-5363.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Over 35 rap group at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. (4th Friday and 2nd Wednesday of each month).

Pittsfield, MA — Lesbians United meetings. Info: Women's Services Center, 499-2425.

New York, NY — Consciousness Raising on Racism, sponsored by Black and White Men Together (BWMT)/NY. 7:30pm. Info: Henry at 873-5572 or 799-9432 or Richard at 431-4674.

saturdays

Boston, MA — Gay Youth. Outings and activities for lesbians and gay men 14-22. Organized by Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY) 128A Tremont St. (near Park St.) 4th floor. 1-5pm. Info: Hotline 426-9371 (6-12pm) or BAGLY 338-9472 (Wed & Thurs eves).

Providence, RI — Gay Youth Group meets every other Saturday. Info: 272-9247.

New York, NY — Gay Youth Rap Group. Organized by and for gay youth. 1-4pm. 339 Lafayette St. (one block north of Houston), top floor. Open to all lesbian and gay youth 21 and under. Info: Mark 799-0388 or Michael 236-2397.

Boston, MA — Daylong writing workshop for women. Info: 566-2153.

9 sun

Boston, MA — Meeting and dinner (potluck). Boston Asian Gay Men and Lesbians. 7:30pm. Info: 542-0144. All Asian lesbians and gay men welcome.

Cambridge, MA — Poetry reading at Reading Works (Porter Sq. shopping center) 4pm. Robin Becker, Ruth Buchman, Miriam Goodman and Beatrice Hawley. FREE!

Boston, MA — Friendship and sexuality. A workshop for lesbians. 10am-4pm. Info: 547-4091.

10 mon

New York, NY — "Why is my lover so much like my mother?" featuring a lesbian therapist. West Side Discussion Group meetings for women. Greenwich House, 7th Ave. South at Barrow St. 8:30pm. \$2.

11 tues

Salem, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance. Exodus: a group building a place for the community to be. 17 Sutton Ave. 7:30-9:30pm. Info: 745-6966.

15 sat

Boston, MA — The Committee of Black Gay Men extends an invitation to an orientation meeting, the weekend of Nov. 15 and 16. The national leadership will make a presentation. FREE! Info: Ken 427-0962.

The deadline for Calendar items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.